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EARTH DAY 2005



SIXTH GRADERS from Sewickley Academy, Mary Nagel, Eric Urda and Kat Dimmick, raked and mulched and tidied up the plantings at Fern Hollow Nature Center on Earth Day.
Photo by Tim Edmonson

SEWICKLEY

Funds found for borough's road project

By Rachel Weaver

Staff writer

Last week Sewickley Borough found a detour around a speed bump on its journey toward a repaired Broad Street.

Increased oil and steel costs and a traffic light revamping project caused the borough's planned budget for the 2005 road project to land \$373,000 short.

At this month's council meeting, members approved the borrowing of \$500,000 to complete the 2005 road project, electrical improvements project and traffic signal project.

"We're all feeling the increase," said Kevin Flannery, Sewickley borough manager. "We all filled up our cars for \$40."

Prior to the decision, council explored two other options, including putting the existing \$767,000 into escrow and adding the remaining amount next year or repairing Broad from Route 65 to Thorn Street and eliminate repairs on the stretch from Thorn to Beaver.

The last option also eliminated renovations to borough traffic signals, which Flannery said are in bad need of updating.

The traffic signal project includes the implementation of Light-Guard crosswalks at the Broad Street crosses at Frederick and Green streets.

The system utilizes a series of signal heads with light emitting diodes (LEDs) embedded in the roadway.

The green LEDs flash to warn approaching motorists of a crossing pedestrian.

Pedestrians activate the system by pushing a button when passing through an activation

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LEETSDALE

LIP gains access to landslide area

By Rachel Weaver

Staff writer

Calling the area a threat to public safety, Leetsdale Borough Council voted unanimously to allow Leetsdale Industrial Park Inc. to enter property adjacent to a Beaver Street landslide.

Last month, Quaker Valley School District accepted a bid from LIP for ownership of a 4.4-acre hillside along Beaver Street, the site of a January mudslide which has left 100 yards of the road closed since.

LIP bought the property for a cost that will equal expenses of an engineering soil analysis not to exceed \$45,000. It will use the hillside for 130,000 cubic yards of fill on the 33 acres in the

park left to be developed.

Because the whereabouts of the five current owners of the land adjacent to the problematic hillside are unknown, the borough holds the industrial park harmless from any claims made by them and allows it to enter the area for the purpose of soil removal.

"We are fortunate to have a business like the Leetsdale Industrial Park who has stepped up to the plate and is really serving its civic duty," said Richard Start, Leetsdale Borough solicitor.

In other council news:

■ In honor of Earth Day, the borough made 250 trees available to all residents. After a tree

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ON THE MOVE

Bell Acres home slipping into Big Sewickley Creek

By Rachel Weaver

Staff writer

Like anyone, Elizabeth Zedak jumps when she hears loud cracking sounds in the middle of the night.

But while most owners of old homes attribute the startling noise to an old pipe or piece of wood settling, Zedak's fear has a deeper cause.

With every unexplained night noise, Zedak knows she's getting closer to waking up in Big Sewickley Creek, which flows behind her Bell Acres home.

The small white house where she lives with her daughter, Jenni, and husband, Stephen, is separated from the creek by nothing more than a cracked concrete slab, a wire fence and a 30-foot drop.

The Zedaks believe the creek is causing the hillside to slowly erode, pulling their home closer to its waters everyday.

Home to many wildlife creatures, the creek has provided the family with many fond memories over the past 10 years. Jenni recalls catching her first fish in its waters.

"It's like Raccoon Park back here," says Elizabeth. "We have deer and ducks, and the creek is stocked for fishing."

But it's those fish that keep the family from being able to put down any dirt to stabilize the hill. Stephen says government agencies told him dropping even one ounce of pure soil near the creek would land him a hefty fine.

Elizabeth, who works as a house-cleaner, says her family couldn't afford permits to rebuild the hillside even if they were available and because the situation is considered an act of God, and insurance can't help.

Charles Kulbacki, Bell Acres borough manager, has worked on the problem over the past five years.

"I was told by a couple of agencies

that if there were a couple of homes in peril for any reason, they could help, but they just can't do it for one home. It's not within the guidelines.

"There is no money available for a project like this. I have no idea why."

Those reasons aren't good enough for Elizabeth, who wants to keep the home that has been in her husband's family for more than 35 years.

"It's still one house. It's my house," she says.

Officials from the DEP visited the home on several occasions in April 2003 and January 2004.

In a letter dated February 2004, Joseph Capasso of the DEP stated the "team again confirmed that the problem appears to be erosion of the upper part of the embankment rather than the toe or the area immediately adjacent to the stream."

The DEP team said the sandstone

ledge and a layered shale area beneath it are resistant to erosion even at flood stage on Big Sewickley Creek, concluding that drainage from either the roof, basement, garage or septic system is causing the erosion.

Elizabeth and Jenni find that hard to believe, especially since the tremendous rains of Hurricane Ivan sent the creek rushing feet above its normal height.

Once the rains stopped, the creek, which was once separated from the hill in the Zedaks' backyard by almost 30 feet, shifted its course to run directly along its base.

State Rep. Sean Ramaley said he will look into the Zedaks' situation and that he is "always willing to come out and do an inspection myself."

"It puts me in a better position to discuss these issues with the proper agencies."



JENNI ZEDAK watches her house creep closer and closer to the bank of Big Sewickley Creek everyday. Flood rains shifted the course of the creek last year, causing its waters to erode the hillside in her family's backyard.

Photo by Rachel Weaver

Ramaley said he was appalled that government agencies only allotted \$400,000 for stream redirection after Ivan.

"These projects do require a lot of money," he said.

His office is exploring options for the family.

Despite the situation, the Zedaks do see some humor in their off-center lifestyle, pointing out the kitchen cupboard doors that slam shut unassisted and the slanted water in their fish tank making it seem like its inhabitants are swimming upstream.

When she bakes a cake, Elizabeth has to constantly turn it so it doesn't bake crooked.

But the family knows their patience, like the safety of their home, won't last much longer.

"When it goes over the hill, it won't be funny anymore," says Jenni.

Borough fire department considering tanker/pumper purchase

By Rachel Weaver

Staff writer

The purchase of one fire truck could help Bell Acres Borough replace two aging vehicles.

Last week, the fire department was given the option to buy a new combination tanker/pumper at one-third the original price. The truck, being held in Moon Township, originally cost \$265,000.

Dennis Young, council property and supplies chair and borough fire chief,

BELL ACRES

said cost was dropped \$60,000 to accommodate the department's financing.

The Bell Acres department now has a 1981 American LaFrance engine, a 1976 tanker and a 1999 engine, which serves as the first-out unit.

"We'd be going from having the oldest engine being 29-years-old to nine-years-old," said Young.

The LaFrance is one of the last engines with a steel body. Young says that at its age, replacement parts are difficult to find.

The purchase would cost approximately \$38,555 a year totaling \$220,000, as some additions are required including new shelves, racks and radios. Also, Young encouraged the purchase of an extended warranty.

The LaFrance engine was bought 15 years ago for \$10,000. Young suggested donating it to a less fortunate depart-

ment or finding out if it has any collector value as it served as a New York City engine for five years.

Council agreed to review purchase details and notify the department of their decision later this month.

In other council news:

■ Spring repairs will be made to the portion of Sevin Road leading to Little Sewickley Creek that was damaged by heavy fall rains and winter snow. Initial bids for work totaled \$90,000. Council will explore other repair options.

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UPCOMING

Residents welcome candidates to forum

A Meet-the-Candidates Forum will be held at the Masonic Village at Sewickley in the Aleppo Township Assembly Room of the club house on Saturday, April 30, at 1:30 p.m. Candidates for Magisterial District Judge, Aleppo Commissioner and Quaker Valley School Board will have five minutes each to speak to the audience.

Primary Day is Tuesday, May 17. The polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Light refreshments will be available as well as voter registration applications for the General Election on Tuesday, Nov. 8, 2005. There will also be a door prize drawing. Candidates for Magisterial District Judge are Jesse

Torisky, Reggie Bridges, Bob Ford, Bill Green, Kurt Hucabee, Chuck Knoll, Thomas Michael, Rebecca Myers and Michael Russo. Candidates for Aleppo Commissioner are Ed Beaman and Frank Bialek. Candidates for Quaker Valley School Board - District No. 3 are Mary Ann Wagner and Jack Norris.

LEETSDALE

Borough plants for Earth Day

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dedication ceremony in Henle Park, area residents came to pick up the free dogwoods and red maples, donated by Almatris.

■ Council approved a motion to prepare agreements between the borough, Leetsdale Municipal Authority and Edgeworth Municipal Authority regarding the relocation of water and sewer lines for the advancement of the Ferry Street overpass project.



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Broad Street project set for May 31

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zone. The counter then blinks for 30 seconds.

Because a LightGuard crosswalk can't be located within 20 feet of a parking space, Broad Street will lose nine parking spaces if the system is implemented.

After approving the loan, council awarded bids to Pugliano Construction for general construction, John Zottola Landscaping for electrical construction and Traffic Systems and Services for the signal renovations.

Work will begin on May 31 and end by Aug. 17.

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Pippy announces park grants

State Sen. John Pippy (R-37) announced the awarding of \$225,000 in state grants to aid four community park projects in the 37th Senatorial District.

The senator announced a Community Conservation Partnership Program grant in the amount of \$40,000 will be awarded to Bell Acres Borough for the rehabilitation of the Bell Acres Borough Park Playground, including play equipment, benches and landscaping.

"Community parks are a great place to gather with family and neighbors for exercise, recreation or just a stroll.

"These municipalities have made a commitment to providing this open space to citizens and it is good to see the state acting as a partner to help cover the costs," said Pippy.

Other awards included the following: \$20,000 to Oakdale Borough for the renovation of



the borough park; \$65,000 to South Fayette Township to renovate Morgan Park; and \$100,000 to South Park Township for the further development of Evans Park.

The Community Conservation Partnerships Program is administered by the state Department of Conservation and Natural Resources.

HONORS DINNER ANNOUNCEMENT

Guests for the Sewickley Herald Honors Dinner to be held on Friday, April 29, may arrive at the Edgeworth Club at 6 p.m. for refreshments and conversation. Dinner is served at 7 p.m. with the program following. Parking can be found on the streets near the club.

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AT THE PARK



RIVERFRONT PARK recently received lots of attention from the Sewickley Community Center's after-school group including Stevie Bronaugh, 11; Justin Martin, 11; Paul Rush, 14; and Cyndie Freeman, 5. After admiring the daffodils they planted last year, the group mulched, weeded and prepared the gardens for this season. They will tend the gardens on a weekly basis and will plant a tomato to patch later this spring.

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JASON EVANKO
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"... clean up the earth and make sure it stays clean."



IAN CARROLL
Leetsdale
"... preventing pollution."



See how to connect with your neighbors via Letters to the Editor on Page 8.

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EDITORIAL

Candidate Nights insure wisest voter choice

By Dona S. Dreeland

Editor

The race is on. This year's primary, to be held Tuesday, May 17, should be one of the busiest poll dates in some time.

With nine candidates vying for the district magistrate's position — Reginald Bridges, Bob Ford, Bill Green, Kurt Huckabee, Chuck Knoll, Thomas Michael, Rebecca Myers, B. Michael Russo Jr. and Jesse Torisky — and all the other council and board vacancies, voters have some work to do before the curtains close behind them.

I hope last week's Herald helped to shed some light on what each of the magistrate candidates stands for and how they'll meet the challenges of the new job.

And if words and slogans aren't enough, may I recommend residents make an effort to attend any of the upcoming meet-and-greet events to hear the candidates first hand.

Sunday's candidates night, hosted by Sewickley Public Library and moderated by the president of the League of Women Voters, proved to be enlightening.

The next voter event is coming up at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, April 30, at the Masonic Homes. (See Page 4 for complete information.)

As you watch and listen at whatever venue, you will find individuals of different educations, experience and egos



wanting to serve in this role.

Eight men and one woman have joined the race.

Much of the debates may center on whether the new district magistrate should be a lawyer. But according to the Allegheny County Division of Elections fact sheet, qualifications for this job are those of residency, a law degree or the completion of a special certification course.

What better way to intelligently

choose the one who would best serve than by hearing all speak and stepping up to ask the right questions.

With the candidates so accessible and the race so important, this election has an old-fashioned feel to it.

Democracy begins with a candidate's willingness to serve and ends with one man and his vote.

The campaign in the middle is where the ideas for leadership are tested and where citizens are the final judges.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Politics aside, vote for the candidate

Dear Editor:

In today's mail (Friday, April 22), I received a letter from Meagan Moore, requesting financial contribution for the campaign for Reggie Bridges.

There is a mistake in this letter, which I believe should be clarified for the residents of Quaker Valley. The letter reads, "...who is the endorsed candidate...."

He has been endorsed by the local Democratic party only.

There are many candidates running for this position: Bob Ford, Bill Green, Kurt Huckabee, Chuck Knoll, Thomas Michael, Rebecca Myers, Michael Russo and Jesse Torisky.

Several have cross filed, (i.e. running on both Democratic and Republican tickets), I believe because the office of Magisterial District Judge is not a partisan position, but rather a full-time position of service to all in the community.

I urge every citizen to become informed about each candidate and make their own, educated, individual endorsement — by voting for the best candidate.

Maria Swanson,
chair, Sewickley
Republican Committee

Reader enjoyed recent Herald book topics

Dear Editor,

Thank you for the recent coverage of two special events dealing with books: The book signing by illustrator Tom Murphy at the Penguin Book Store and the Rare and Antique books talk by the Sewickley Valley Historical Society's guest speaker, John Schulman.

Both were events not to be missed! Congratulations to young QV graduate Tom Murphy in beautifully illustrating what is sure to become a new children's classic, "A Boy and his Bunny."

Although I hope our Valley residents continue to do business at Penguin Books, I couldn't help but add to Amazon's readers' comments:

"This wonderful story is sure to be a

favorite for schools and libraries across the country! Pre-school, kindergarten and first grade teachers will find this a true new classic, useful for developing humor and creativity in even the most resistant child.

"The ideas are endless, just like the older sister coming in with an alligator on her head. This book begs 'What else?' questions. It's absolutely charming and I know kids will love it. I highly recommend it!"

Can't leave Tom without adding congratulations to his Dad, Wayne, as the new mayor of Edgeworth.

I'm wondering if Tom's mom Mary is feeling a little like former First Lady Barbara Bush with a son and husband making their marks on the community.

Too, everyone present at OSPOC's SVHS/Sweetwater headquarters learned so much listening to John Schulman, who has spent a lifetime gathering and selling rare books.

The evening was very exciting, especially at the end when John was appraising magnificent old books that members had brought in to share, some from the 1700s.

It was just like being a participant or observer on the PBS program Antiques Road-show Live!

Again, thank you for such great coverage informing your readers of these events. I clip the articles for my refrigerator as visual reminders.

Mim Bizic
Coraopolis

For another letter to the editor, turn to Page 9.

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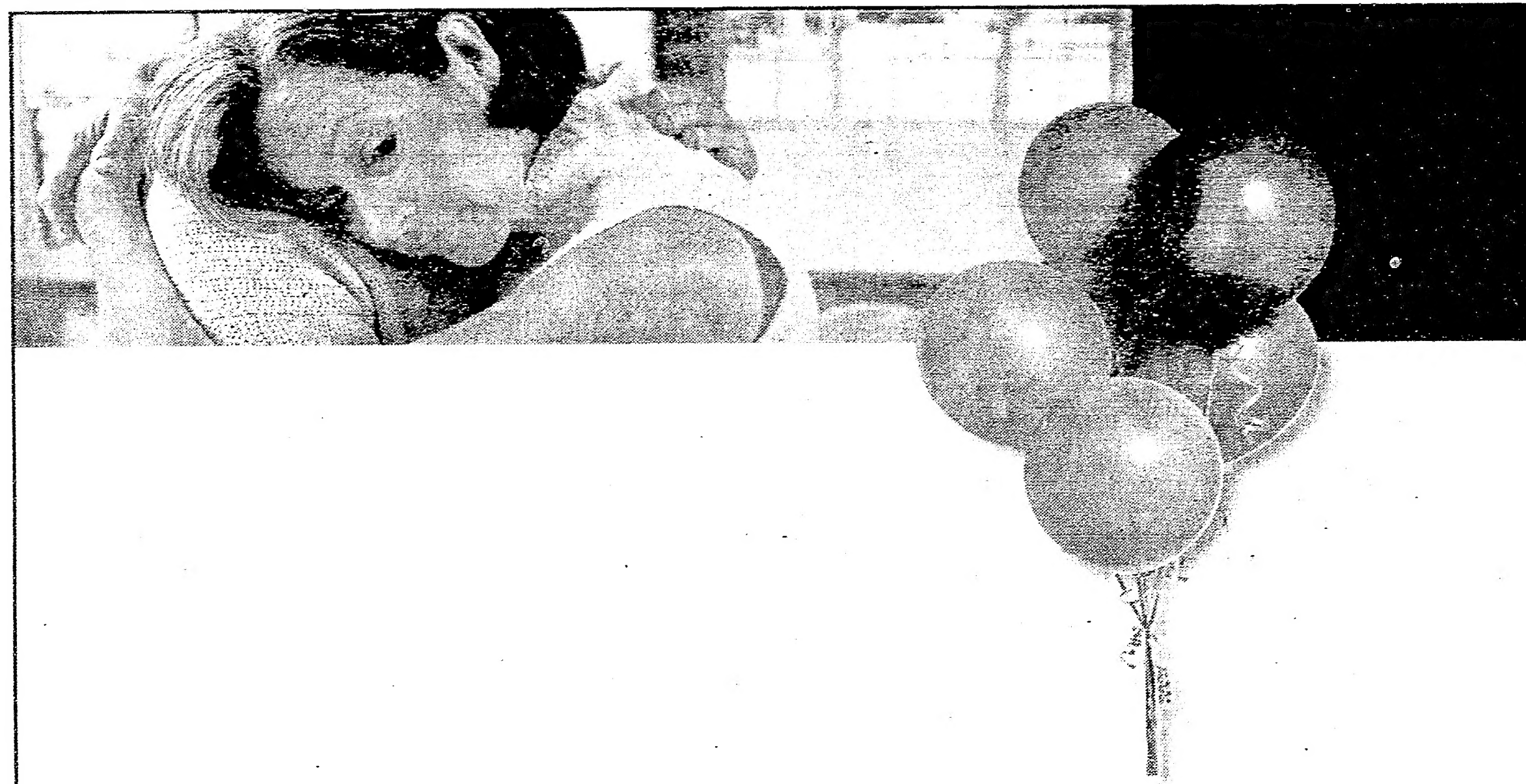
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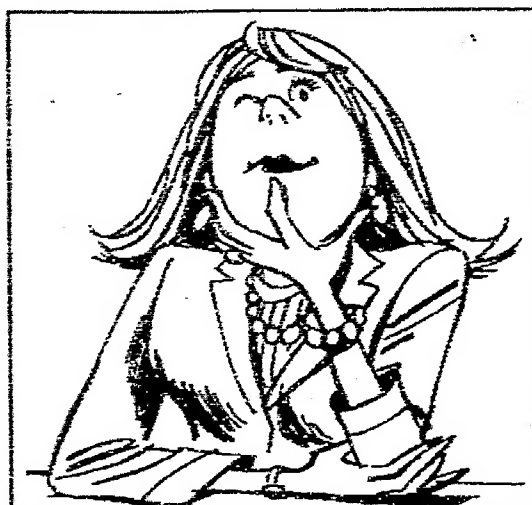
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AGENDA



Aleppo: 3rd Monday, 7 p.m., 100 North Drive.

Bell Acres: 2nd Monday, 7 p.m., Big Sew. Creek Firehall.

Edgeworth: 3rd Tuesday, 8 p.m., Municipal Building, Beaver Road.

Glenfield: 2nd Tuesday, 7 p.m., at Riverside Park.

Haysville: 2nd Tuesday, 7:30 p.m., 34 South Avenue.

Leet: 2nd Monday, 7:30, Municipal Building.

Leetsdale: 2nd Thursday, 7 p.m., Municipal Building, Broad Street.

Osborne: 3rd Tuesday, 7:30, Osborne Elementary School.

Sewickley COW: 2nd Tuesday, 7:30, Borough Building.

Sewickley: 3rd Monday, 7:30, Borough Building.

Sewickley Heights: 3rd Monday, 4:30, Borough Hall.

Sewickley Hills: 1st Monday, 7:30, Fairhill Recreation Building.

Quaker Valley School Board: The legislative meeting is the 4th Tuesday of the month at 8 p.m. at Quaker Valley Middle School.

Writer hopes for continued green of the Valley

Dear Editor:

Although my father, Donald A. Booth, went to his grave about 40 years ago, as the president of the QV School Board, passionately fighting for the erection of a K-12 school campus on the Bell Acres property, of which R.T. Barbour writes in his April 13 Herald letter to the editor, I hope to God I don't have to fight to my grave for this property not to be developed in the manner suggested by Mr. Barbour.

Even the sentimental connection that I have to my father will not allow me to see one more piece of this valley's land destroyed for another "development."

Forty years ago there was less concern for preserving land and look where we are now!

We can't go back, ecologically (or otherwise), and we all suffer from this fact in

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

ways not always apparent to us. It would seem hypocritical for QV to embark on a course of action that would negate the very teachings so lovingly made to its children by some very dedicated teachers and volunteers.

I am quite aware of the financial struggles with which QV is confronted, not just because of my dedication, at one point, to its mission, nor because of the years of dedication of both of my parents, but because these are times where expectations for our schools, its teachers and the children they serve are tremendously high and with those high standards, both locally and nationally driven, there are bound to

be financial ramifications.

I chose to come back to Sewickley after college and graduate school in large part because of the beauty and purity of its lands and waterways. Growing up here was a gift, as are the lands of Morrow-Pontefract Park, part of which my husband's grandfather, J.D.A. Morrow, donated to the Edgeworth Borough upon the death of his oldest son, Richard.

Although a gift few are able to give, it is one we will continue to benefit from, in ways not necessarily obvious to our immediate human experience.

I hope QV doesn't destroy any more lives in the natural or human worlds to address their financial burdens, which, by the way, will always be there.

Our green spaces will not!

Virginia Morrow

REGION

Rep. Mustio hosts breakfast

Rep. Mark Mustio (R-Allegheny) is inviting residents of the 44th legislative district to attend his upcoming Constituent Breakfast to be held on Friday, May 6, at 7:30 a.m. at the Sewickley Country Inn, located at 801 Ohio River

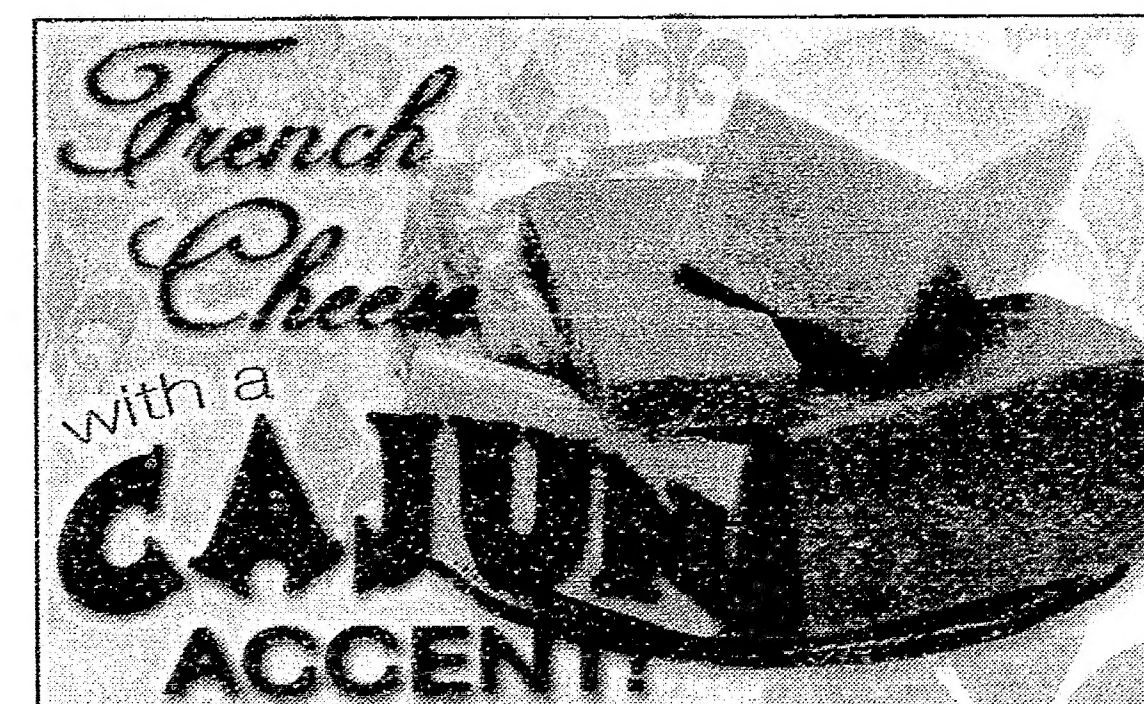
Boulevard, Sewickley.

"Upon being elected to the Pennsylvania House of Representatives, I promised the citizens who sent me to Harrisburg that I would listen to their concerns and keep them informed," said Mustio.

"Hosting a legislative breakfast like this helps me accomplish these goals in a manner convenient for area residents. My staff and I are looking forward to the opportunity to meet with constituents, and I urge them to take this opportunity to ask questions and voice their opinions."

Mustio will discuss pending legislation and any state government-related issues currently impacting his constituents.

The breakfast is free and anyone wishing to attend should call his Moon Township district office at 412-262-3780 for more information.



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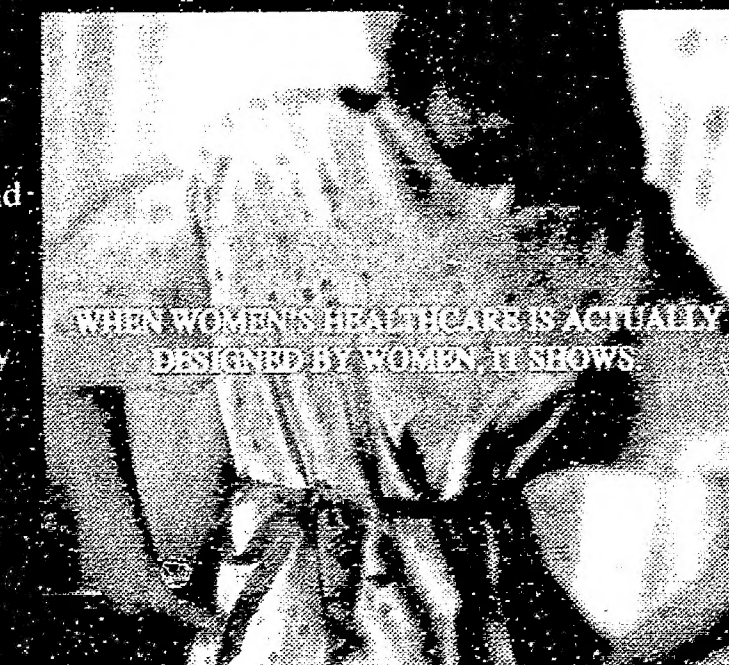
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Sleep Laboratory

(April 27, 2005) - A sleep laboratory is a special area in the hospital dedicated to the study of sleep disorders. When your doctor suspects you have a sleep disorder, he may send you to a sleep laboratory for an overnight evaluation.

Usually the patient arrives at the sleep laboratory a few hours before his normal bedtime. Upon arrival, electrode wires are placed upon the patient's scalp, as well as near the eyes, nose, chin, and also on the chest and legs. Patients are encouraged to bring pillows, reading material, or other personal items to make them feel more relaxed.

During the night, sleep laboratory technicians stay close by to make sure everything runs smoothly. Video monitors and other equipment allow the technicians to observe the sleeping patient and take notice of any unusual sleep behaviors.

Sometimes the patient is asked to stay the following day for additional testing. During this time, the technician may have the patient stay awake for certain lengths of time and then take short naps every so often. Such tests can measure how long it takes the patient to fall asleep, and can also gauge daytime sleepiness. Although some patients have difficulty at first becoming comfortable with the wires from the electrodes, most sleep better than normal because the sleep lab is quieter than in their homes.

"The sleep lab is an invaluable tool," says Dr. George Goodman, of Heritage Valley Health System. "It allows us to monitor the patient closely, and to find and treat the root cause of the sleep disorder."

If you would like more information on sleep labs, please visit the Heritage Valley Health System website at www.heritagevalley.org.

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Rev. Semler resigns as St. James' pastor

The Rev. Al Semler, pastor of St. James Catholic Parish in Sewickley, has resigned his pastorate and requested a lighter assignment from Bishop Donald Wuerl, bishop of the diocese of Pittsburgh.

Three years ago, Semler arrived at St. James amid a controversy over the removal of the Rev. Bill Hausen, then assistant pastor.

The parish caught the public eye again briefly last year when Hausen left the Catholic

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Diocese of Pittsburgh and returned to Sewickley to establish his own church.

"Despite the parish's division and hard feelings in 2002, Semler quickly reconciled disparate factions and restored a sense of unity and common purpose," said an announcement from the parish about Semler's leaving.

"So successful was he that his accomplishments have gone largely unnoticed, especially by people outside the neighborhood."

Semler made the announcement to parishioners on Sunday, April 17.

Many were startled to learn the news.

At 64, Semler pointed to his "old-fashioned" administrative style and the fatigue of age, to explain why he had resigned.

SEWICKLEY

Overlook planned in borough

By Rachel Weaver

Staff writer

A local non-profit group tested the waters to see if Sewickley Borough Council would help them beautify an area of Riverfront Park.

Members of the Riverfront Park Inc. committee are in the early stages of making improvements to an area of town now a popular spot for graffiti and litter.

Last week, council passed a motion to approve submission of a grant application to Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission for development of a Walnut Street walkway and ramp access to the river and boat slips.

The motion is contingent upon borough receipt of the grant and approval to proceed with the grant.

At this month's Committee of the Whole meeting, Dina Klavon, landscape architect, presented borough officials with preliminary plans.

The committee wants to create an area of town where locals can sit and watch river-

boats pass.

"Kids go there and have parties," said council member William Cornman.

"It would be nice to have an overlook where you can go and watch the riverboats go by. Most members of the community would have no objection to that."

As of last week, planners had not yet met with the planning commission, a required step before council can approve plans.

Applications for the grant, which was made available in March, are due April 30.

Plans include the addition of a boat tie area, installation of a revamped gate and paving of the walkway surface.

Should plans be approved and council members opt to support the project, the borough will then be responsible for liability insurance and maintenance.

Klavon said even if the grant is obtained, plans won't come to fruition for several years.

The group prepared a cost estimate for the borough late last week.

SEMINAR

Watson trains with TEACCH

The Watson Institute will once again hold its TEACCH (Treatment and Education of Autism and related Communication handicapped Children) training seminars this summer.

The seminar includes periods of active learning presentations and demonstrations of techniques to use when working with children with autism and related disorders.

Two sessions will be offered: Monday, July 25, through Friday, July 29; or Monday, Aug. 8, through Friday, Aug. 12.

One day seminars also are available on Monday, July 25, and Monday, Aug. 8.

The workshop is appropriate for those who have an interest in learning the fundamental structured teaching strategies of Division TEACCH, including therapists, speech and language therapists, researchers, administrators, clinicians and parents.

Attendees will have the opportunity to participate in an intense, hands-on learning



experience under the supervision of TEACCH instructors.

To broaden the scope of training, children of differing ages and functioning levels attend the demonstration classroom setting for four days of the training. Trainees are able to work directly with the children, practicing their newly-learned skills.

For more information, including conference costs, call Tammie Crnkovich at 412-749-2803.

Volunteer spreads joy, comfort at Sewickley hospital

By Rachel Weaver

Staff writer

People have a lot of questions when being admitted to a hospital, but one commonly asked at Sewickley Valley has nothing to do with medicine.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Patients want to know one thing: What floor is Joe on?

Celebrating his 19th anniversary of volunteer work with the hospital, 88-year-old Joe Ciferri has loved every minute of the 39,128 hours he has served.

When patients see his blue jacket with signature smiley face pins, pockets full of licorice candy and warm smile, it's hard not to feel at home.

"Joe relates to people so well," says Irene Dailey, head of volunteer and community services at SVH.

"You cannot teach those skills. It's truly heart to heart. It doesn't matter who you are. He treats everyone the same and treats everyone special."

Working seven days a week, except when he takes vacations or attends dog races, Joe is busy transporting charts, delivering mail and discharging patients. But his favorite hours are spent bedside.

He stops in on each patient on the seventh floor, where he's currently stationed, making sure they are comfortable and getting them anything they need.



WHETHER DELIVERING a newspaper, coffee or just a smile, Joe Ciferri is happiest when he's volunteering at Sewickley Valley Hospital.

Photo By Rachel Weaver

He also tends to visitors, bringing them newspapers or coffee during long waits.

If Joe visits a sleeping patient, he leaves his signature smiley face stickers on the person's bulletin board.

One woman who returned to the hospital two years after her initial visit opened her purse to reveal a faded, folded smiley sticker when Joe stopped to visit.

"That made me feel real good. It made me feel terrific, in fact. That's what keeps you going. You have to keep

moving or old age will catch you," he says.

While age hasn't caught up to the octogenarian, karma has a few times. He's an occasional lottery winner and last Christmas, he won the hospital holiday basket raffle.

Joe also never has to worry about getting to work. On sunny days, he rides his scooter to the hospital and in bad weather, the nurses take turns picking him up and bringing him home.

"The nurses have been very good to me," he says. "I've had no problems get-

ting rides."

Each day, Joe arrives at the hospital so happy that staff members often request he bring them whatever it is that he takes in the morning.

But his secret elixir doesn't come from a hidden fountain of youth. Every morning Joe mixes hot water with two teaspoons of honey and two teaspoons of apple cider vinegar. With that, he takes his vitamins.

While Joe has met numerous patients over the years, he remembers everybody's face.

"That presents a comfort level itself," says Dailey.

"No matter why you're coming into the hospital, there's a certain amount of stress and tension. But when Joe walks in, you know he's somebody who's not going to stick you with a needle or take a test. It's settling."

In honor of last week being National Volunteer Week, the hospital will host an honors luncheon Friday for all the people who give their time and energy.

While every volunteer is valuable, Joe is the reigning leader as far as time served.

In 2004 alone, Joe volunteered 2,201 hours. Overall in his career, Dailey says his dedication is the equivalent of that of 19 employees each year.

Although he's had to cut back the 12-hour shifts, he's aiming to reach 50,000 total volunteer hours.

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SAFETY FIRST

Sewickley police promote child safety

The Sewickley Police Department and the Sewickley Fire Department will be sponsoring a child safety seat checkpoint on Saturday, May 7, from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the driveway of the Sewickley Fire Department, rain or shine.

Officer Bob McNatt, a certified child safety seat technician, will check to see if your seat has been recalled and make sure it is properly

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SPOTLIGHT

Fame monument gives tribute to memory, hope

Over the course of the past months, progress on the Soldiers Monument has been presented in these articles through a variety of themes, with the hope of capturing the attention and interest of the local citizenry while encouraging financial support.

There is a growing anticipation surrounding the arrival of the monument this summer and at the same time, a desire to properly attend to the dismantling of the original piece in such a way as to preserve Isaac Broome's work.

It has taken a few dedicated individuals to conceive and to initiate this course of action and will require continued support, from the many, to be fully implemented.

"It is by honoring the memory of great men that one inspires greatness in others."

Baron Hyacinthe de Bougainville, 1825.

Hyacinthe de Bougainville's words convey the desire he felt in himself to inspire; to enable those around him to see the value in making an impact on the future.

One way that might be achieved is by continuing to pass down important and historic lessons and memories from the past. Respect, admiration, the desire to encourage others, a concern for the moral development of following generations and a belief that good begets good were all wrapped up in de Bougainville's efforts to pay for and erect a monument in honor of French navigator, Jean-Francois Laperouse.

Much in keeping with the group who instigated the creation and placing of the original Soldiers Monument in Sewickley Cemetery, de Bougainville was committed and moved to act because he believed nations had a responsibility to honor its great men and women.

When we look at our history, we see an ongoing biography of people and events that perpetually unfold as we move through our days: Quick snapshots of the kids, accidents occurring as we travel home, tsunamis and civil wars are all events to record. The manner in which we note these events varies, due in part to the impact they have on us directly.

Former president of the Boer Orange Free State, M.T. Styen and his wife Tibbie, who organized and initiated the erection of the National Women's Monument in Bloemfontein, South Africa, were motivated for many of the same reasons de Bougainville was.



THE STATUE of Fame as it overlooks Sewickley Cemetery.

The monument recalls the suffering, individual commitment and hope for something more, following the Anglo-Boer War of 1899-1902.

Disputes arising between the British and Dutch concerning rights to South African gold mines were a precipitating cause of the war, with the British ultimately employing a "scorched earth" policy which led to the incarceration of Boer women and children in crude concentration camps.

Emily Hobhouse, a British social worker, became deeply involved in an effort to bring aid to these women and children.

Hobhouse spent nearly two years attempting to rouse the British Parliament and citizens from their apathy and illuminate the plight of these helpless women. Failing to bring about effective relief, 26,370 women and children died of starvation and disease, 80 percent of the deaths attributed to children.

Her work on behalf of the Boer women proved costly to Emily Hobhouse; physical ailments, emotional turmoil and ostracism by her own people were some of her burdens.

Perseverance, however, led her to learn the art of lace-making and in 1905, hoping to aid in the reconciliation and reconstruction efforts following the war, returned to South Africa with equipment

ed during the Holocaust, six million were Jews.

What can we take away from such events? How does the world remember, respond to? What would we leave behind as testament?

After many years of silence Wiesel was persuaded to speak out about those experiences by writing novels, short stories, essays and plays. He received the Nobel Prize in 1986.

"We have given the message, and nothing has changed. Human nature remained what it was. Too much indifference in the world to the Other, to his pain and anguish and hope. That is my greatest sorrow, my greatest disappointment...."

Wiesel continues to teach and to speak out on issues concerning the Jewish community; however, his views have a more universal relevance, applicable to current socio/political situations such as Iraq, the Koreans and the Sudan.

Anomie, a term defined by Emile Durkheim as a condition where social and/or moral norms are confused, unclear, or simply not present, is believed to lead to deviant behavior.

Like the indifference Wiesel battles, these characteristics expressed by and within a community have devastating effects. Issues of starvation, sickness and oppression which are not immediately felt here in much of the United States continue to present themselves.

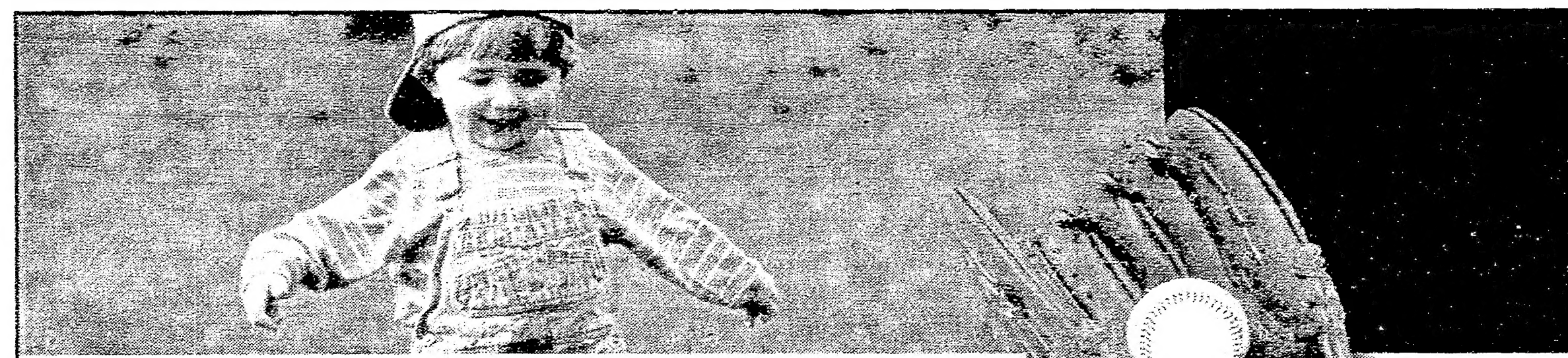
We would believe they don't exist, as this anonymous poet so eloquently writes: "We cannot reach out to the disinherited of our race, and so we must not see them. Too possessed by the things we would own, the ten thousand things, to lift up our eyes, to say nothing of our hearts...."

Numerous memorials have been erected around the globe to commemorate the truths and perceptions of the Holocaust, the Boer War and other historical events. Yet despite the controversy and significance these events had or continue to have, being indelibly imprinted on the minds of many, they are passing into ambiguity.

We must choose to recollect and in so doing perhaps slow the leaking of these memories through our individual and communal fingers; being compelled in this to recall the horrific in equal measure to the glorious.

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ON THE CALENDAR

SVHS members welcome talk on Richardson

Sewickley Valley Historical Society continues its program schedule with Albert M. Tannler of the Pittsburgh History and Landmarks Foundation.

He will be guest speaker tonight (Wednesday).

His topic will be "Henry Hobson Richardson and His Heirs."

The annual meeting of the historical society will be held on Wednesday, May 25, featuring the "Music of World War II" as presented by Phillip D. Atteberry, Ph.D., University of Pittsburgh, Titusville.

To learn more about the society's programs, locations and times, call the historical society office, at 412-741-5315.

Mrs. B.G. Shields is executive director.

The office is open Tuesday through Friday from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. or by appointment.

It is located in the Old Post Office Building with Sweetwater Center for the Arts at 200 Broad St., Sewickley.

Relay for Life

This year's Relay for Life will be held Saturday and Sunday, May 14 and 15, at the Quaker Valley High School Track.

The 24-hour Relay for Life is a team event to fight cancer. Teams of 10-15 people will be walking or running throughout a 24-hour period to raise money for the American Cancer Society to support programs of research, education and patient services.

Help support this event with a \$10 donation to purchase a luminaria to honor those who have survived cancer as well as remember those who have not. The votive candles, nestled in sandbags and lit for a soft effect, are being offered through May 14.

The luminaria will line the track at Quaker Valley High School, and the lighting ceremony will take place at dusk on May 14. Those who purchase luminaria are invited to see the glowing tribute.

For more information on the luminaria or Relay for Life, call 412-749-5557, Ext. 2112.

Fame campaign honors history's sacrifices in all wars

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very humanity continues to tell him life has meaning," said Thomas Merton.

That someone finds joy and beauty in a cold, gray day may be beyond us to imagine but those people exist, and like those who see glasses half-full rather than half-empty, all struggle with the same day to day difficulties.

There are no easy answers to the "why?" questions, yet we ask them, wanting to make sense of the complexities around us. If we could know the meaning of life, and understand and fulfill our purpose in it, we wouldn't wonder whether life was worth living or struggle with the ways of living it.

As a collective body we experience life in individual terms, and our involvement in society is a matter of choice. Days are filled with opportunities and decision-making is an integral part of daily life that usually requires a significant amount of our attention and time.

Decision-making can be a chore or an activity, something that frees us to move forward or a burden that inhibits us.

We can not be forced to send relief money to storm survivors, support the local rehab unit or buy girl scout cookies,

but many people willingly participate in these activities.

Within our families we have heroes, individuals we know personally or have heard about; those who have overcome adversities, reached out beyond themselves to aid someone unknown to them, given freely without expectation.

Nearly two years ago, Air Force Veteran Paul Stern of Cameron, W. Va., began making wooden display cases for the American flags presented to family members. This was a one-man operation and, in his words "an honor."

He makes the initial contact personally, expressed as condolence, and includes a request to make the case free. In addition to his full-time employment, he dedicates up to 25 hours a week in this effort and has built over 70 cases.

A mail carrier in Georgia, Tim Rivera, established www.fallenheroes-memorial.com, as an online memorial site for those fallen in Iraq and Afghanistan.

For the past two years he has maintained updates on this site which allows individuals to participate by acknowl-

edging the sacrifices and honoring the memories of those who have died.

It also serves as a link to news and projects where people donate their skills and knowledge to help other families.

Like Elie Wiesel, Hyacinthe de Bougainville and countless others, they sense their efforts to encourage and inspire others will, in time, induce more people to participate.

Life, stripped to its basics is a complex thing, demanding our vigilant attention and utmost effort. Life should not be a chore, a daily grind one needs to "white knuckle" through.

It should contain, along with the difficult, a sense of being connected to a whole, satisfaction, joy and above all, hope.

No matter how long and cold the winter, spring arrives and the trees bloom, affecting only minute changes in color and texture initially, but as days pass the landscape is endlessly transformed by the ripening of bud to leaf.

When considered, the motivation behind our actions tells us, and those around us, a good deal about who we are as individuals, as neighborhoods, churches, classmates, businesses or organizations.

So many different things motivate us

to act, and while most of the time it's an automatic response, too often something is being asked of us and we are either ignorant of it or too preoccupied to attend to it.

Is it possible we really don't care what others think about us? Do we care about who we are, ourselves?

Perhaps there are no clear answers to such deep questions, yet, isn't it amazing, we continue to move forward day by day and moment by moment?

Despite devastating losses and deprivations, people do continue to press on. The drive is fueled by hope.

Behind the motives, lies hope — hope for a future free from genocide and oppression, hope for the possibilities of exploration and discovery, hope for an end to war, hope for an end to indifference and anomie.

By Roberta Duprey

We hope you'll consider participating in this memorial project.

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The cost is \$20 and registration is at noon.

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ON THE GO

For more information, call Patty at 412-480-5379.

Tour dates

Old Economy Village, Ambridge, is open through Dec. 31.

Its hours of operation are Tuesday through Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Sunday, noon to 5 p.m.

The museum site is closed

Mondays and holidays, except Memorial Day, the Fourth of July and Labor Day.

Allow 1 1/2 hours for a visit. Admission is \$7 for adults ages 18 years and older; \$5 for children ages 6 to 17; \$6 for senior citizens 60 years and older; and no charge for children under 6.

People with disabilities who need special assistance or accommodation are asked to call 724-266-4500 in advance.

TOUR DE SEWICKLEY

Sewickley merchants offer Passport to Style discounts

Get your Passport now and bring it to the Village on Friday, May 6, or Saturday, May 7, for great discounts, trunk shows and prizes.

Passport to Style is a family event which features 13 merchants who have joined together to offer free prizes, raffles, trunk shows and great discounts to visitors who bring their "passports" to each participating location.

Visitors who get their passport stamped at each of the 13 stops will be eligible for a grand prize drawing consisting of gifts and merchandise from each business.

No purchase is necessary. Participating merchants include: Feathers, Monday's Child, Soho of Sewickley, Ultimate Pastry, Sewickley Confectionery, Cheers, The Clay Café, Perfect, Sewickley MensWear, Spoiled Chics the Boutique, The Sewickley Café, IceWorks and Tapas.

In addition, the Sewickley Civic Garden Council will present their 40th annual May Mart on Saturday, May 7.

The event features children's crafts, vendors, annuals and



perennials.

The sale will be on Broad Street and there will be free parking throughout the Village on Saturday, May 7.

Discounts include:

- The Sewickley Café: 15 percent off entire lunch bill
- A discount of 15 percent off entire purchase of regular priced merchandise at the following shops — Spoiled Chics the Boutique, Perfect, Monday's Child, Soho, Cheers, Feathers, Sewickley Menswear and Tapas.

- Sewickley Confectionery will offer free toppings on ice cream order
- The Clay Café will offer free studio time

- IceWorks will offer a free Icee

Visit the Web site at www.spoiledchics.com for more information. Click on the Passport Photo to view the video slideshow.

HONORS

Reisker earns Eagle rank

Brian Reisker, a senior at Quaker Valley High School, achieved the rank of Eagle Scout, the highest award in the Boy Scouts of America.

He took the Eagle Oath at a court of honor on March 13, at St. James Catholic Church with Scoutmaster Roger Dickhans presenting the award.

Brian has been involved in scouting since the first grade when he joined Pack 243 as a Tiger Cub.

He earned the highest Cub Scout rank, the arrow of light, and crossed over to join Troop 243 as a Boy Scout in February of 1998.

For his Eagle rank, Brian earned 40 merit badges and completed a community service project.

His Eagle Scout project was to create a map and brochure for a tree identification walking tour at Sewickley Cemetery.

He also led a group of scouts to make markers to put in the ground by each tree on the map.

As a Boy Scout, Brian has served as a quartermaster, patrol leader, assistant patrol leader and bugler.



Brian Reisker

In addition to scouting, Brian played on the QVHS soccer team, is a member of the chorus and the National Honor Society and has been an altar server for St. James Church for four years.

He plans to pursue a career in engineering.

He is the son of Philip and Sheryl Reisker of Edgeworth.

UPCOMING

Congregation honors pastor

Officers and members of Fellowship United Methodist Church will celebrate the fifth-year anniversary of their pastors, the Rev. Dr. Fred D. Smith Jr. and Rev. Emma Smith on Friday May 13, from 6:30-11:30 p.m.

The theme of this celebration is "A Made Up Mind - Won't Turn Back" and it will be held at Franzee's Javy's, 1300 Merchant St., Ambridge.

The master of ceremonies will be the Rev. Dr. J. Lavon Kincaid Sr., pastor of Laketon Heights United Methodist Church.

The Rev. Dr. Ronald Edward Peters, director of Pittsburgh Theological Seminary's Metro-Urban Institute, will be the main speaker.

Peters is active in the community. He has served as the spiritual leader for several churches, and has taught courses in Church and Society, the Sociology of Religion, Christian Education and Black Church

History.

The Kenny Powell Quartet will entertain.

Tickets are \$25 each and may be purchased at Fellowship United Methodist Church, Center for Hope office, 233 Merchant St., Ambridge, or by calling 724-266-8636 or contacting any church member.

The proceeds will be given to support Center for Hope.

Monthly luncheon

The monthly luncheon of the Senior Ministry of Triumph Baptist Church will be held Thursday, May 5, at 11:30 a.m.

The public is invited. Our speaker for the day is Beverly Whitlock, a member of Triumph who has returned from a missionary trip to Uganda.

A free-will offering will be accepted.

Entrance is on the Ferry Street side of the church. Call 412-741-7621 for reservations by Saturday, April 30.

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Performances will be held Friday, May 6, and Saturday, May 7, at the Mt. Nebo Campus, 318 Nicholson Road, Sewickley.

Showtime is 7 p.m. The cost is \$5 for children and \$7 for adult.

For ticket information, call 412-741-2825.

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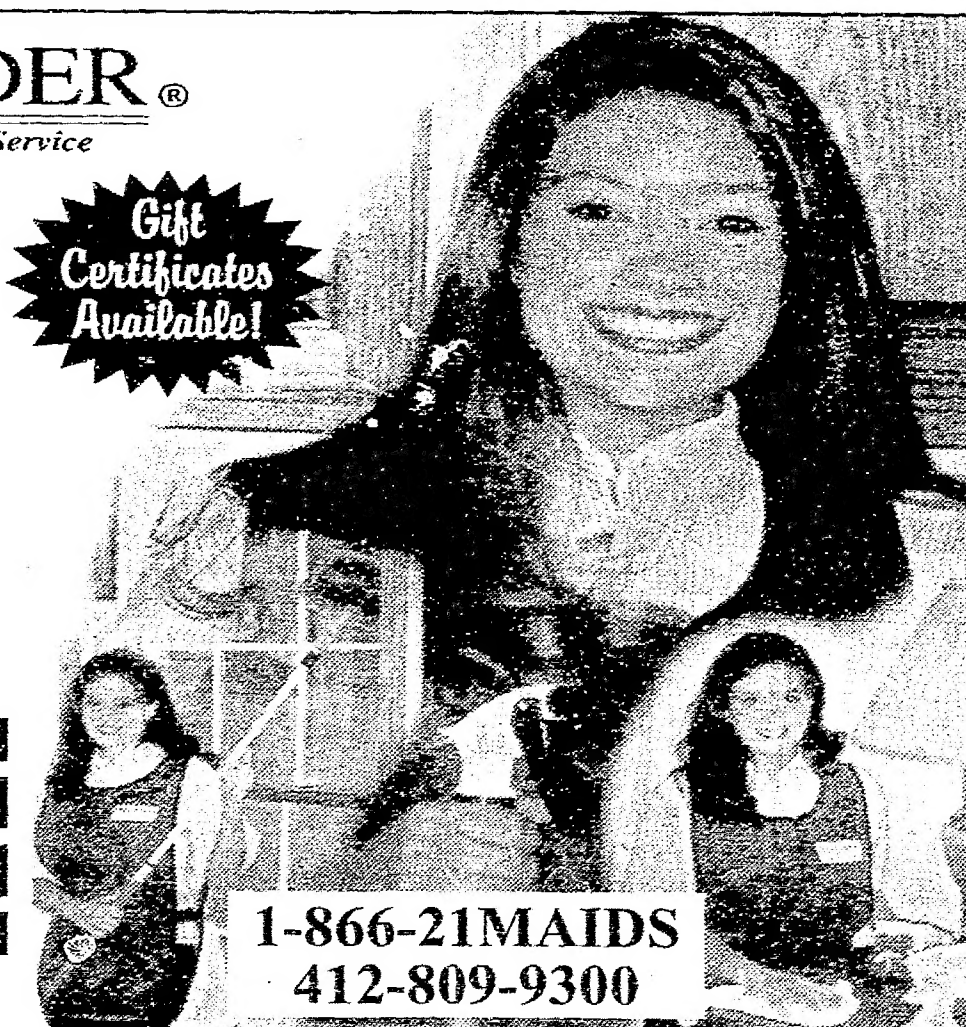


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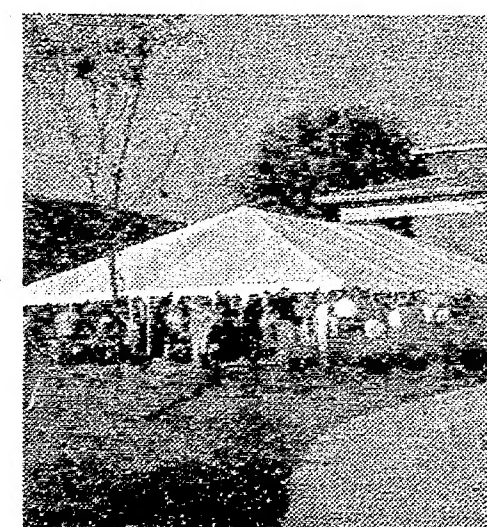
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The Samaritan Counseling Center of western Pennsylvania is sponsoring a fund-raising brunch and show on Sunday, May 22, at the Sewickley United Methodist Church, located at the corner of Beaver and Thorn streets, Sewickley.

Brunch, prepared by Scott James, chef for Palate Pleasers, will be served from 12:30 to 2 p.m.

At 2:15, the Pittsburgh CLO Mini-Stars will perform a full-scale, high energy musical revue of Broadway's most memorable moments.

Tickets are \$25 per person,

with a maximum of \$100 per family unit.

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Proceeds from the event will benefit the Samaritan Counseling Center with headquarters in Sewickley and offices throughout Allegheny, Beaver and Butler counties.

The Samaritan Center has provided professional, faith-based counseling for more than 22 years.

For ticket information or to make reservations, call the center at 412-741-7430.

Send news of your family celebrations
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Sweetwater offers creative burst in May

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You can do it all at Sweetwater Center for the Arts.

Cooking series with Chef Mills

Sweetwater welcomes Chef Richard Mills, teacher at Robert Morris University, and specialist in food management, cuisine identity and intercultural studies, to teach a four-week cooking series, which will focus on famous regional dishes from four countries of Northern Europe.

Join the chef on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 to 9:30 as he demonstrates preparation of classic recipes from England (May 4), Norway (May 11), Sweden (May 18) and Hungary (May 25).

These are demonstration classes with tasting at the end. Students may register for as many classes as desired. Sign up for all four, however, and receive an additional 10 percent off.

Mother's Day Workshop

This offers an opportunity to take some time to focus on the person who does so much for you everyday and to make

ARTS & CRAFTS



something special for mom that will let her know how much she is truly appreciated.

Students age 4-6 & age 6-10 will have several options of artistic gifts to make which are guaranteed to make mom's day a little more special.

Classes will be held on Thursday, May 5, from 1:30 to 3 p.m. for age 4-6 and from 4 to 5:30 p.m. for age 6-10.

Friday Night Workshops

This Friday, April 29, it's time for Drawing Dinosaurs for children age 4-6, and Pop Art Prints for kids age 11 and older.

On May 6, a class on Mother's Day Crafts will be held for children age 4-6. Pop Art Prints will be held for kids age 6-10. Painting will be held

for those age 11 and older.

On May 13, Sea Creatures will be presented for children age 4-6. A Pizza Party will be held for those age 6-10 and Illustration will be held for students age 11 and older.

Workshops are held from 5:30 to 8 p.m.

Other spring session classes left before summer session classes and camps begin include Mother-Daughter Bead-a-thon for children age 8 and older accompanied by and adult on Saturday, April 30, from 1:30 to 4 p.m.

An Op Art Workshop will be held for students age 11 and older on Wednesday, May 4, from 6-8 p.m.

Exploring Expression in Art will be held on three Wednesdays, from May 11-May 25, for students age 4-6 from 1 to 2:30 p.m.

Registrations are being taken now for summer camps.

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UPCOMING

Learn how to make smart investments

On Wednesday, May 11, the American Association of Individual Investors (AAII) will sponsor another educational seminar for its ongoing "Getting Started" series for beginning stock investors.

This free session, open to the public, will deal with common investment mistakes.

The meeting will be held in the upstairs meeting room of Sewickley Public Library from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

The library is located at 500 Thorn St., Sewickley.

This meeting closely follows a review of frequent investor mistakes as in Larry E. Swedroe's book, "Rational Investing in Irrational Times."

Common mistakes involve the understanding and control of human behavior, as well as confusing information with knowledge.

Larry Coudriet, president of the Pittsburgh Chapter of AAII, will review the following investment mistakes:

#1: Did you begin your investment journey without a road map?

#2: Are you overconfident in your skills?

#3: Do you confuse "index investing" with owning the S&P 500 Index?

These and other investor "potholes" will be discussed to help investors improve their investment performance.

"This meeting will help investors identify their personal shortcomings as individual investors," says Coudriet.

"Only when one recognizes their personal and investment shortcomings, can they begin to improve their investment performance."

The "Getting Started" meetings have been developed to enhance basic investment skills and identify resources for individual investors.

Seating is on a first-come first-served basis. No reservations are required.

The next session of this series is tentatively scheduled for Sept. 14.

To receive announcements of all meetings subscribe at: AAII-Pgh-subscribe@yahogroups.com.

Friends connect with May Mart for book sale

The Friends of the Library Spring Book Sale will be held on Friday, May 6, from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturday, May 7, from 9:30 to 5 p.m.; and Sunday, May 8, from 1 to 5 p.m.

Sunday is Bag Sale Day. Fill a bag for just \$3.

Resume Workshops

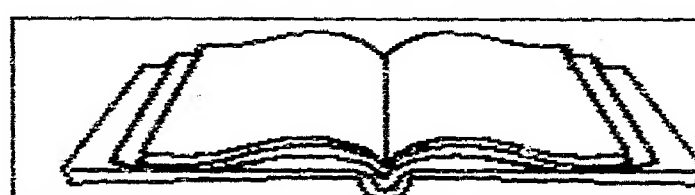
Improve your resume with group instruction and an individual review of your resume.

Sharon McAndrews will share resume tips and resources and meet separately with each workshop participant.

Each session is limited to five participants, sign up for one session: Tuesday, May 10, at 6 p.m.; Thursday, May 12, at 6 p.m.; or Saturday, May 14, at 1 p.m.

Call 412-741-6920 to register.

AT THE LIBRARY



Feng Shui for Teens

On Thursday, May 12, at 7 p.m., Fawn Chang demonstrates how Feng Shui can create spaces for teens that can help promote a vital and graceful transition to a successful adulthood.

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Mother's Day Stamp Art Cards

Looking for a creative way to tell your mom or grandmother how special she is to you?

Let us help you create a personalized stamp art card to celebrate Mother's Day.

If you have rubber stamps you would like to share, bring them along.

A session will be held for children in grades K-2 on Sunday, May 1, from 2 to 3 p.m.; or Wednesday, May 4, from 7 to 8 p.m. for children in grades 3-5.

Duct Tape Wallet and CD Case

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Warm welcomes served at Christy House

By Sarah Mills

Herald contributor

Saturday through Thursday, Sewickley residents get their coffees, teas and pastries at Starbucks. On Fridays, however, an average of 60 people can be found savoring delicious selections of soups, salads and homemade breads and sweets at the Christy House Tea Room.

The Christy House, a Victorian home located at the corner of Walnut and Frederick Avenue in Sewickley, was built in 1865.

In 1978, after the Christy family left the house to St. Stephen's Church, a small group of church women came up with the idea to host a tea room there. The Crumpet was born, first a small tearoom offering a small plate of sweets, a soup and teas. Women of the church would make the food in their homes and bring it to the Christy House each Friday.

As interest in the tearoom grew, the Christy House added two shops, the Needle's Eye, and Earthly Treasures.

The Needle's Eye showcased the handiwork of local women, while Earthly Treasures provided passed-on items.

The menu expanded to include two soups weekly (a clear broth and a cream broth) as

FRIDAY LUNCHEONS

well as salad and bread.

"Our food is absolutely delicious!" said Shirley Pow of the Christy House, citing all of the menu items.

Everything is homemade, even the bread. The breadmaker, a former chemical engineer, converted his garage into a bakery where he creates fabulous breads for the Christy House and others.

Today, the Christy House tearoom has a paid chef, Judi Erno, as well as a rotating staff of more than 20 volunteers who supervise and prepare the food and tearoom.

"It was originally an only-women's program," said Pow. "But we've nabbed some men to man the dishwasher for us!"

Men, women and children are invited to enjoy lunch at the Christy House every Friday from 11:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m.

The suggested donation is \$7 for the adult menu and \$3.50 for the children's menu. All proceeds benefit the women's ministry outreach.

The women of the Christy House have helped locally and globally. Proceeds have gone to flood relief for two local families, a community café in

Aliquippa, a pre-school program called "Sunrise," and Lydia's Place in Pittsburgh.

Donations from the Christy House have been sent as far afield as Rwanda and North Dakota, to a missionary working at a Native American reservation.

The shops and tearoom are open only on Fridays.

"The Needle's Eye is a very lovely gift shop. The prices are very good, and they don't do the markup that most gift shops do," said Pow.

Lunch reservations are recommended for the Friday of the Child Health House Tour, May 6. Patio seating begins May 1.

Reservations or no, the tables are always set and ready for their next guests, with floral tablecloths and fresh flowers.

"People are looking for a really special place to go," said Pow. "I think it's the ambience of the house itself. It has remained very much the same as when it was first made."

"Even the kitchen is a family kitchen, with the exception of a few commercial appliances."

For more information about the Christy House, as well as reservations, call Shirley Pow at 724-774-1505, or the Christy House on Fridays at 412-741-5960.

UPCOMING

May Mart raffle offers local items

Sewickley Civic Garden Council's May Mart, to be held on Saturday, May 7, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., will feature a raffle.

Tickets can be purchased in books of 20 for \$10.

The drawing will be held at noon, and the winner need not be present.

All proceeds benefit the Sewickley Civic Garden Council's community landscaping projects.

Raffle tickets can be purchased at Wolcott Park at the corner of Beaver and Broad streets on Saturday, April 30, from 10 a.m. to noon; Thursday, May 5, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.; Friday, May 6, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.; and Saturday May 7 from 9 a.m. to noon.

This year's offerings include gift certificates to Penguin Bookshop, Safran's, the Sewickley Hotel, Monday's Child and Bird-in-the-Hand; 10 free private Pilates sessions, a one-year full membership to Curves, a large ice-cream cake from Sewickley Confectionary, a day of pampering for your dog at Precious Pets, six movie rentals and a Sony radio from Yankello's, a one-year teen membership to the YMCA, and much, much more.

House Tour tickets

Welcome Spring in the Village on Thursday and Friday, May 5 and 6, with the 32nd Sewickley House Tour, hosted by the Child Health Association of Sewickley and sponsored by PNC Advisors.

The biennial event will feature five Village homes and one Sewickley Heights home.

A visit to the Sewickley Heights History Center and Fern Hollow Nature Center, located on Glen Mitchell Road, also will be part of this year's tour.

Tickets for the tour may be purchased online through the new Web site, www.sewickley-housestour.com.

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Park visitors will vote for the winners. First, second and third place prizes will be awarded. The grand prize is having the remaining carousel horse painted to match the contest entry.



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AT THE Y

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Children age 3-15 can participate in the Summer Day Camp schedule from June 13-Aug. 19 at the Sewickley Valley YMCA.

The Y is now accepting registrations for its summer day-camp program.

The camp is divided into five two-week sessions.

Session A — June 13-24

Session B — June 27-July 8

Session C — July 11-22

Session D — July 25-Aug. 5

Session E — Aug. 8-19

There are seven pre-school camps that run from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

There are two teen camps and 15 youth camps that run from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

There is also the option to use the extended day camps that are available from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m., and 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

For more information, call Marc Smith, senior director for youth, teen and family, at 412-741-9622, ext. 103.

For Pre-school Camp, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., the cost is \$113 for members and \$130 for program members.

The cost for Pre-school Extended Day, 1 to 6:30 p.m., is \$100 for members and \$112 for program members.

The cost for Pre-school Early Counselor, 7-9 a.m. is \$57 for members and \$71 for program members.

The cost for Youth Camp, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., is \$153 for members and \$181 for program members.

The cost for Youth Camp, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., is \$117 for members and \$134 for program members.

For Teen Camp, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; J-Y Adventure Camp Grades 7-9; or Teen Sport Adventure Grades 6-8, the cost is \$180 for members and \$223 for program members.

The cost for CIT Grades 7-10 is \$160 for members and \$188 for program members.

The charge for Early Counselor, 7-9 a.m., is \$57 for members and \$71 for program members.

The cost for Early or Late Counselor from 7-9 a.m. or 5-6:30 p.m. is \$62 for members and \$76 for program members.

Glen Montessori School expands program for toddlers

Because of the changing needs of the community, as well as the demand for educational alternatives, the Glen Montessori School is expanding its programs for the fall.

The school, a non-denominational private academic school offering preschool and kindergarten for children ages 3 to 6, will offer a Toddler Program for children age 18 to 36 months and a dedicated All Day Montessori classroom beginning in September.

The toddler program ties directly to its mission by reaching out to the surrounding communities and providing a program that serves the younger child during this important period of life.

The program is designed to provide maximum flexibility to meet the needs of families by offering both full- and part-time hours for toddlers.

The Glen enrolls 93 children in three classrooms and offers full- and half-day preschool, as well as full-day kindergarten.

Following the teachings of Maria Montessori, students of multi-ages are taught in the

EXPANSION

same classroom where they pick and choose the works they will do that day.

The teacher "follows the child" instead of instructing the child. The child gains independence and the bright, warm environment builds self-esteem and prepares children for traditional schooling.

Unlike most toddler programs, the Glen will offer a Montessori curriculum-based program that will unleash a child's thirst for learning.

The expansion plan includes a toddler classroom, a multi-purpose room to be used for program offerings, celebrations and community gatherings.

Additionally the expansion plan provides for an All-Day Montessori classroom for students (age 3-6) who arrive at 8 a.m. and may stay until 5:30 p.m. to accommodate working parents.

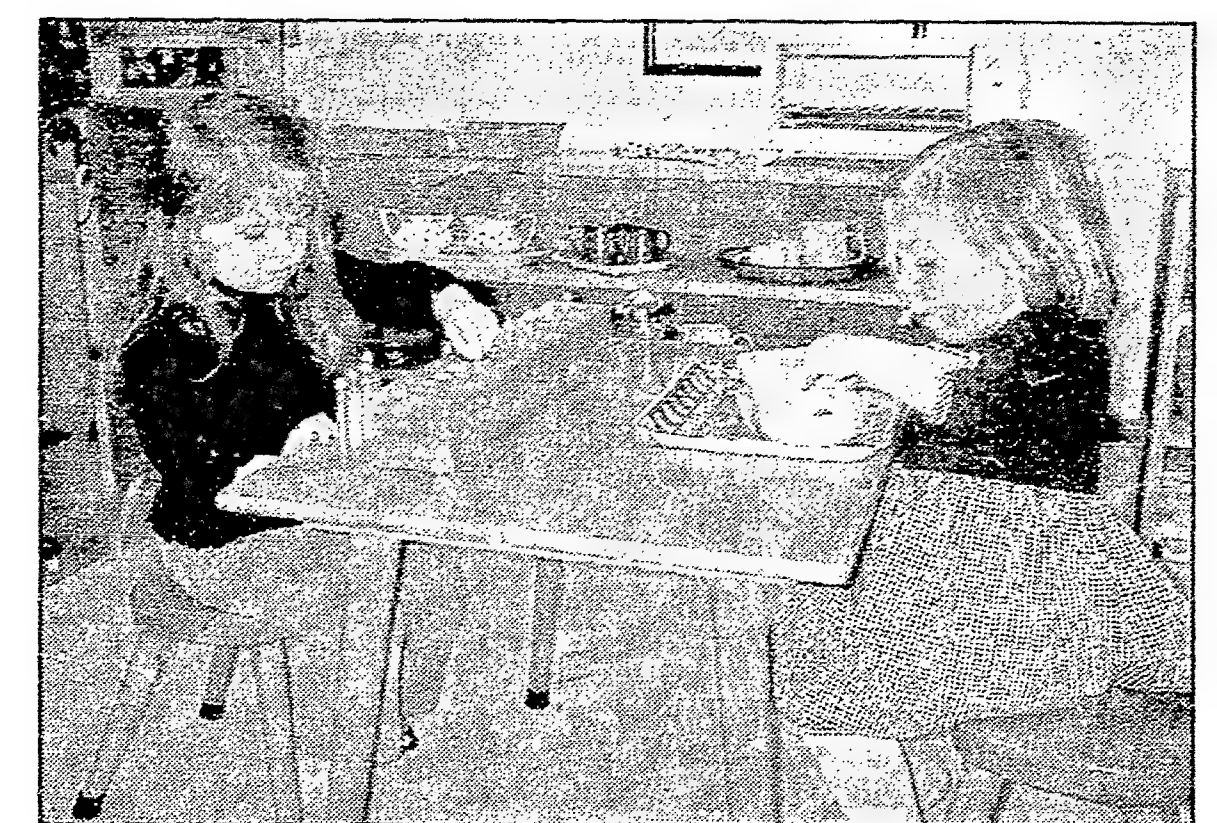
A full kitchen and laundry room is included in the expansion plan, and to assist the sur-

rounding community, the multi-purpose room can accommodate area clubs and programs such as scouting activities and community gatherings.

The Glen is located in Emsworth just one mile from the Sewickley/Emsworth Exit of Interstate 79.

The Glen is accepting applications for Fall and Summer Camp enrollment. Program space is limited and placement is based on a first come, first served basis.

Call 412-766-3815 for an appointment and a tour or visit the Web site at www.glen-montessori.org.



UPCOMING

Watson offers family support

The final Watson Institute support classes are scheduled for May.

The programs are designed to provide an opportunity for parents and siblings touched by a child with special needs to share concerns, feelings, ideas, resources and other helpful information.

All meetings are free of charge and open to parents and siblings of students enrolled at Watson Institute, as well as the community at large.

Parents Together meets once a month from 9:30-11:30 a.m. at The Education Center.

The last meeting is May 6. Parents of Autistic and Autistic-Like Students focuses on specific issues facing families of children with autism and related developmental disorders.

Parents interested in learning about or sharing information about autism or a related disorder are encouraged to attend.



Meetings are held from 9:30-11:30 a.m. at The Education Center.

The last meeting is May 6.

For more information about these classes and other programs at the Watson Institute, call 412-741-1800.

Fund-raiser

Verland, a non-profit organization that provides support and services to 228 children and adults with mental retardation and other disabilities, will host a fund-raiser, "Taste The Good Life."

This will be an evening of the finest cigars, entertainment, food and drinks, hosted by DiSalvo's Station Restaurant, 325 McKinley Ave., Latrobe, Thursday, April 28, from 7 to 10 p.m.

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THINGS TO DO

Parents, teens come together

Youth Connect, a local group making the connection for a healthy community, will meet Thursday, April 28, from 7-9 p.m. in Sewickley Public Library.

This next program is titled "Working Toward Wholeness: Promoting Health for the Whole Community."

Dan Gittens will give the welcome. The closing will be given by Seth Baumwell and Shelagh Williams.

The keynote presentation, "Walking a Tightrope: Raising a Balanced and Healthy Teen," will be given by the Rev. Dr. N. Graham Standish.

Discussion will follow.

Standish, a pastor, author and educator, holds degrees in psychology and social work from Roanoke College and the University of Pittsburgh and in divinity from Pittsburgh Theological Seminary.

He earned a doctor of philosophy degree in formative spirituality from Duquesne University.

He is adjunct professor at the seminary and a teacher in the lay pastor's training program at Pittsburgh Presbytery.

YOU CAN HELP

Teens wanted for SVH work

Sewickley Valley Hospital is looking for a few good young adults who are interested in sharing their summer in fulfilling volunteer work.

Junior volunteers are being recruited to provide a minimum of 50 hours of service at the hospital and its satellite facilities during the months of June, July and August.

A student must be at least age 14 by June 1, 2005, and able to volunteer once per week throughout the summer.

To receive a packet of information on the program, contact Irene Dailey, Director, Volunteer and Community Services at 412-749-7052.

Interviews, an orientation and a skills training will take place in May. The deadline to apply for the summer program is May 13.

STUDENT FORUM

April showers bring May prom drama at QV

By Anna Lee

Student columnist

I know this seems premature with prom still a month away but preparations must begin well in advance — to give students time to have Crisis Response on speed dial.

I've been searching for that perfect dress, shoes and date combination for months, so something is bound to go wrong. Plus, what is a high school dance without drama?

Prom fantasies have been building since middle school with dreams of a knight in shining cuff links whisking me away in our white limo. With years of anticipation, no occasion could stand up to the pressure.

Maybe what prom is really about is the buildup — great hair, smoky eyes and then

watching it all go down the girl's bathroom drain while someone cries "my life is over!"

Alright, so this middle school scenario is a little too juvenile. Instead, picture spilt punch and sarcastic remarks on the music and decorations.

Why do high school students spend hours and hundreds of dollars preparing for what can become one momentous disappointment?

It might be pure entertainment value but personally, I'll be there because of (corny as it is) tradition.

I would be hard pressed to find an event more typically high school than prom to culminate a relatively sane four years.

I want my chance to put on a beautiful dress and boogie the



Anna Lee

night away to cheesy love songs in my high school gymnasium.

Prom is the lure of one more opportunity to just be a teenager.

Soon the Quaker Valley High School Class of 2005 will scatter across the country.

This is one of our last chances to bond. Exclamations over Prom King and Queen will only make us stronger because they sure won't kill us.

We can do what friends do best: make sardonic comments to cheer each other up when two other girls are wearing the same dress.

Anna Lee is a senior at Quaker Valley. She works part-time at Sewickley Public Library and contributes to the school literary magazine, "Bittersweet."

She is co-president of the Key Club and Community Service Chair for the National Honor Society (NHS).

Student at national meeting

HONORS

Conor McKenna of Sewickley joined 200 middle school students from throughout the United States at the Junior National Young Leaders Conference (JrNYLC) April 9-14 in Washington, D.C.

The conference introduces teens to the rich tradition of leadership throughout American history, while helping them develop their own leadership skills.

Conor participated in educa-

tional activities and presentations led by individuals in high-level positions as well as young people who exercise leadership skills within their communities.

He studied the impact of leadership throughout critical periods of American history.

Students also visited historic national landmarks including Colonial Williamsburg.

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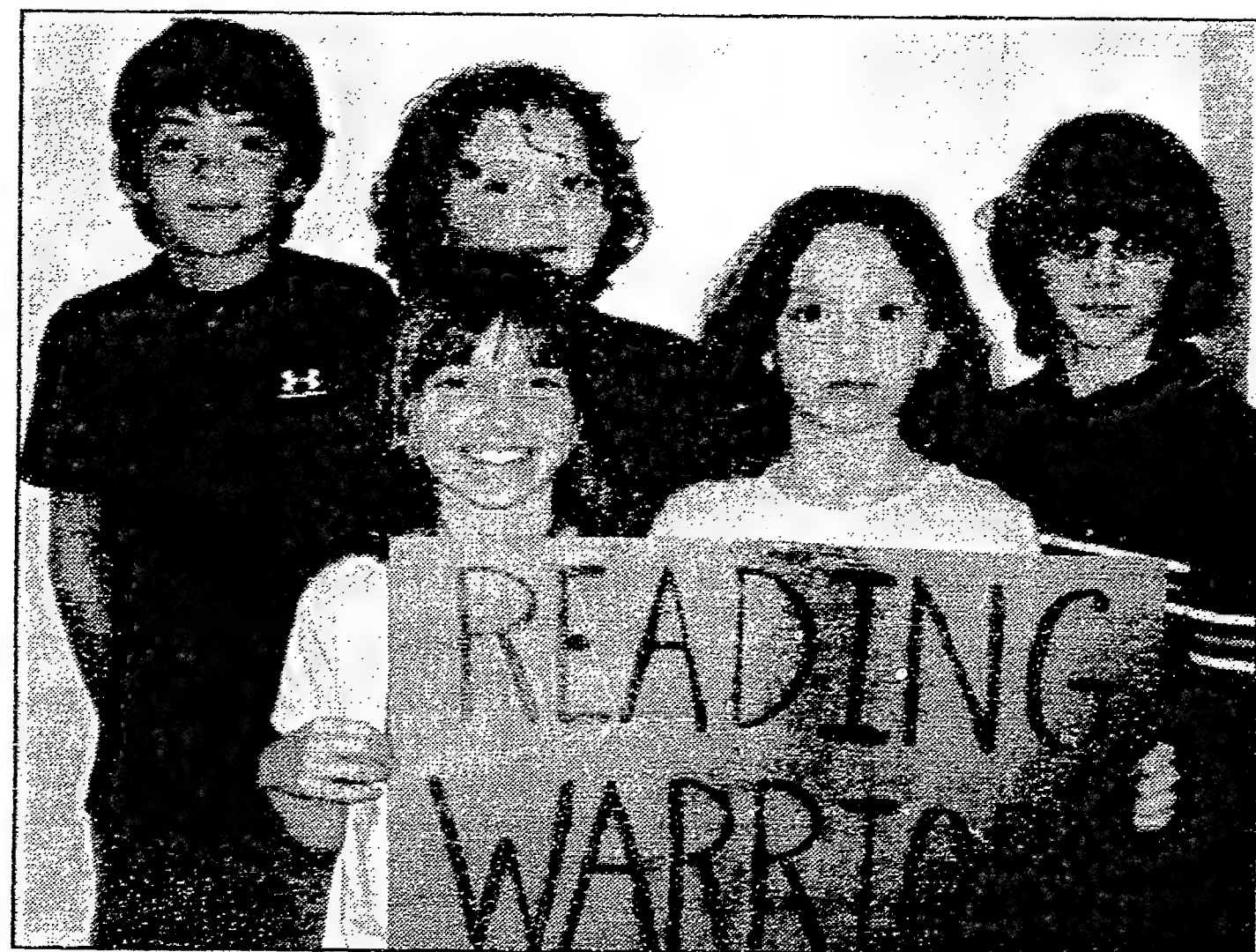


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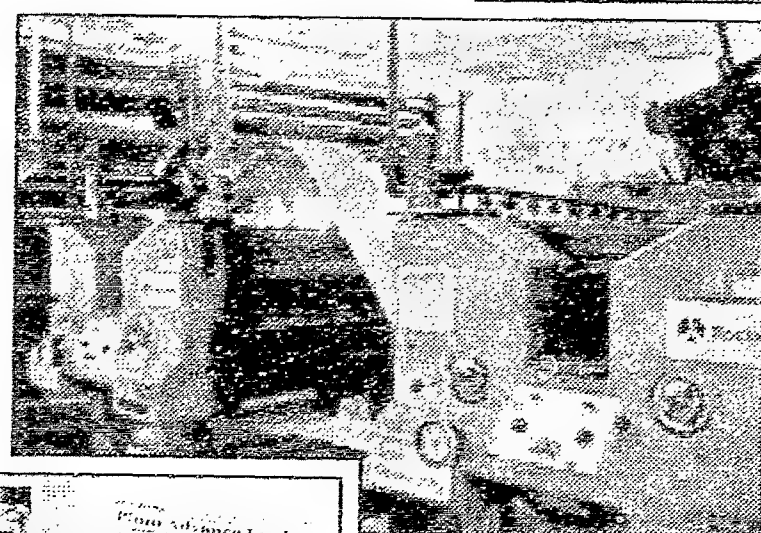
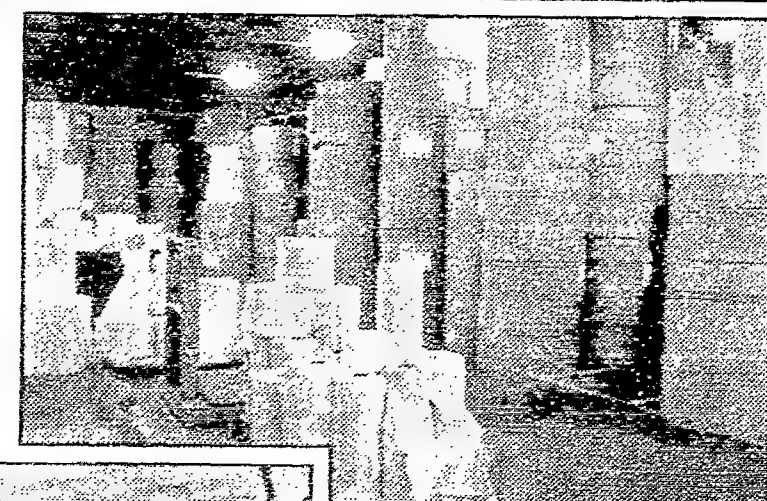
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL students joined in the joy of reading for this year's Sewickley Public Library's Battle of the Books. Both first-place teams, Reading Warriors and Knights of the Published Word, were from Edgeworth School.



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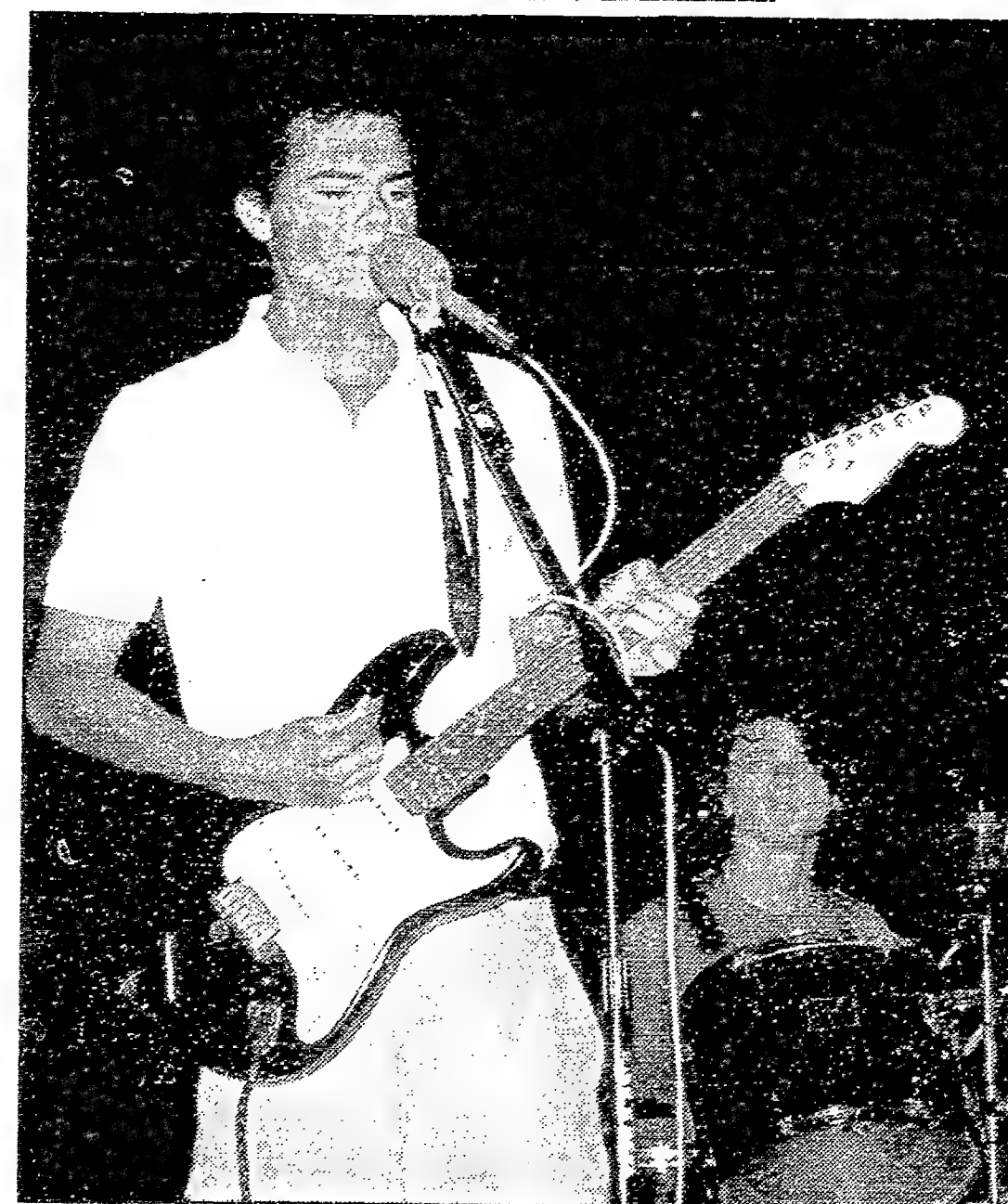
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Photo by Tim Edmonson

ENRICHMENT

Summer camps at Glen Montessori

The Glen Montessori School is accepting enrollment for a Summer Enrichment Camp serving children age 3-8.

The camp runs from June 6-July 29 and is divided into eight theme weeks that weave art, storytelling, music, science, nature and drama into programming.

Camp hours are 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. daily with half-day rates of \$100 per week and full-day rate of \$175 per week.

The Glen Montessori School is located in Emsworth off Rt. 65.

The facility is spacious, air-conditioned and located within a playground park area.

The camp is run by Pennsylvania licensed teachers.

The summer camps are as follows:

June 6-10 Rainforest Espanol — Music, pictures, games and activities will be used to help children increase their understanding of the rainforest, the Spanish language and culture.

June 13-17 Once Upon A Time — Fairy tales will be highlighted as children learn to listen, act and enjoy favorite stories.

June 20-24 Everything Grows — A week of outdoor exploration and hands-on exhibits will place nature in your child's grasp.

June 27-July 1 This Land is Your Land — Enjoy a down-home picnic, learn songs and experience what it means to be an American.

July 5-8 Jurassic Park — Make fossil footprints, play dino games and learn why the largest animals of the earth have disappeared.

July 11-15 Sports Week — Join the staff for a week of fun and games — from crazy relays, wacky games to a balloon and egg toss.

July 18-22 Wild Thing — Go on a safari and learn why it's a jungle out there as we experience what grows and lives as a wild thing.

July 25-29 Shark Tales — See real shark jaws and teeth as we learn about the predator of the deep.

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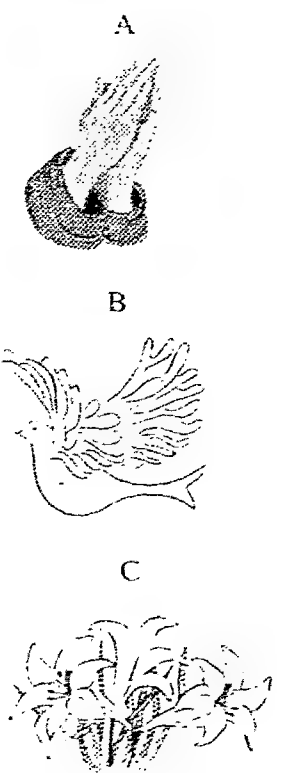
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FELLOWSHIP

Concerts, worship fill up local church calendars

Organ recital

The Presbyterian Church, Sewickley will present Organ Plus on Sunday, May 15, at 3 p.m.

This concert will feature Craig Dobbins, the church's director of music ministries.

Dobbins will perform solo organ works by Dietrich Buxtehude, Johann Sebastian Bach and others.

He will be assisted by organist Judith Beswick in playing two organ duets.

With Harold Smoliar, principal English horn of the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra, Dobbins will perform compositions by Jan Koetsier and Karl Mille.

The church is located at the corner of Beaver and Grant streets, Sewickley.

For more information, call 412-741-4550, Ext. 205.

Trip to Israel

Join St. Stephen's Church for a biblical travel study tour to Israel Oct. 10-22.

Led by Theresa Newell, travel-study coordinator at Trinity Episcopal School for Ministry in Ambridge, and Linda Cohen, on staff at the church, this study tour will include visits to major biblical sites in Galilee and Jerusalem.

Cohen lived in Jerusalem before joining the St. Stephen's staff, and Newell is a veteran of more than 30 study tours to Israel taking multi-generational groups over the years.

The tour guide in Jerusalem will be David Pileggi, director of Alexander College, Jerusalem.

For details, call Cohen at 412-741-7490 or write via e-mail: lcohen@ststephenschurch.net.

For those who grieve

The monthly Bereavement Support Group, sponsored by Sewickley Valley Hospital, meets in St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Washington and Logan streets, Sewickley.

The group meets every third Thursday of the month, from 7 - 8:30 p.m., and welcomes those who have suffered the loss of a family member or

friend. Members are welcome to come every month, or from time to time, as needed.

Call the chaplain's office at Sewickley Valley Hospital, 412-749-7054 for more information.

It is anticipated the hospital also will offer a new series of bereavement groups, which will meet for six-week intervals four times throughout the year.

At Antioch

Antioch Baptist Church, 332 Elizabeth St., Sewickley, welcomes all to Sunday worship at 10:45 a.m. Sunday School begins at 9:30.

Bible study and a prayer service are held Wednesdays at 7 p.m.

For information, call 412-741-7688.

Summer Bible School

The Presbyterian Church, Sewickley invites children to "Serengeti Trek: Where Kids are Wild about God's Love."

The children will sing songs, play teamwork-building games, nibble watering hole snacks, take on a daily challenge to let God's love grow into their homes, experience Bible adventures, collect Bible Memory Buddies to remind them of God's Word and create Bible Point Crafts they'll take home and play with all summer long.

In addition to the study of stories of Bible characters who were wild about God, the children will join nearly a million children in North America and take part in a hands-on mission project that will reach needy children in Africa.

Each day concludes at the "Mane Event," a celebration that gets everyone involved in living what they've learned.

Family members and friends are encouraged to attend this special time at 11:30 a.m. each day.

Serengeti Trek begins June 20 and continues through June 24 at The Presbyterian Church, Sewickley, 414 Grant St., from 9 a.m. to noon.

For more information or to register, call 412-741-4550.



Youth Choir ends season with reminder 'Jesus Loves Me'

Nine little angels filled Sewickley United Methodist Church with a big sound as they led worship on April 10.

Not only was it Native American Awareness Sunday, but it also was Youth Choir's last singing Sunday.

Tradition held and they sang "Jesus Loves Me" in the language of the Canadian Cree Indians.

"What a wonderful way to tie the two together," says Sharron Schaefer, director of music ministries for the church.

Thanks to Sandra Lane, youth choir director, the Cree language was translated on-line by a member of the tribe. Lane had requested that it be phonetically written for ease in teaching it to the choir.

The Youth Choir sang "Halleluyah" ("Alleluia") in the language of the American Cree



WITH BIG voices were (front) Alison Lenhardt, Sarah Bollman and Felicity Moffett; (middle) Bo Lenhardt, Franzi Nace, Grace Rogansky and Grant Lane; (top) Rebecca Lewis and Sydney Lane.

Indians as well.

Ten years ago, the tradition of singing "Jesus Loves Me" began as the finale to Youth Choir's season. Since then, as one of the most translated hymns in the world, it has been this choir's way of showing solidarity with children around the globe by choosing the language of another country/nation/culture.

Opening the children's minds to the culture and language of another spot on the globe has been the object of this singing tradition. Today, the world is a much smaller place by way of travel and the Internet.

Feeling a kinship or similarity with children far away is just a small way to bring peace to a fraction of humanity, and an interest in what life is like where this year's language comes from.

Past languages have included English, sign, Japanese, Latin, Cherokee, Arabic, Spanish, German, Latin, Kiswahili and Cree.

"Of all the languages, probably the Arabic and Kiswahili were the most difficult to pronounce," says Schaefer.

"There were a lot of syllables in the translations, and fitting them into the rhythm of the tune was difficult, but the kids did an admirable job with the challenge.

"I have had a Bengali translation sitting in my desk for three years, actually written in Bengali and phonetically in English, and I don't have the nerve to try it," Schaefer adds.

"The young prince from Bangladesh who translated it for me could not sing it himself — an incredible amount of syllables."

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Coretha Farmer, 91, longtime resident of Sewickley

Coretha Farmer, 91, of Autumn Lane Personal Care Home, Moon Township, passed away on April 21, 2005.

She was born Sept. 4, 1913, in Wilson, N.C., the daughter of the late Mary Keaton and Jessie Farmer.

She was married briefly to William Davis.

She moved to Sewickley from Washington, D.C., and lived there until her illness.

She worked for several families in the Sewickley area.

She was a member of St. Matthews AME Zion Church, The Progressive Club, The Hawthorne Club, The Harriet Tubman Club and the Senior Citizen Club of the Sewickley Community Center.

She is survived by her god-daughter, Janet Prothro of Aliquippa; her grand-godchildren: Sheldon Prothro, James Prothro, Dwayne Prothro and Christopher Prothro; and a host of friends.

A service was held yesterday at St. Matthews AME Zion Church with the Rev. Rosalind Martin officiating.

Memorials may be made to St. Matthews, Thorn and Walnut Street, Sewickley, PA 15143.

Arrangements were made by Richard D. Cole Funeral Home Inc.

Dale Umbel WWII veteran

Dale D. Umbel, 86, passed away on April 15, 2005, at St. John Lutheran Care Center, Mars, Pa.

He was born in Hazelton, W.V., on June 11, 1918, the son of the late Perry F. and Ruth Friend Umbel.

He was preceded in death by his beloved wife Florence Nash Umbel and two brothers and two sisters.

Mr. Umbel, a WWII U.S. Army Veteran, worked more than 40 years as a machinist at Miller Printing Co., on the North Side of Pittsburgh.

He was an active member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church Sewickley and the Sewickley YMCA Senior Men's Club, as well as a volunteer at Old Economy, Ambridge.

He was an avid reader and stained glass artist.

He is survived by his daughters and their spouses, Kathy Hyre and John II of Sewickley, Susan Rausch and Robert of Rochester, N.Y.; four grandchildren: Jennifer Hyre of Edgewood, N.M.; Jaime Kearney and Ryan and Ken Fantigrossi of Rochester, N.Y.

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and for great-grandchildren, all of Rochester, N.Y.

He also is survived by a brother, Forest Kay Umbel of Pittsburgh, as well as a host of nieces and nephews.

Burial was private in Sewickley Cemetery.

Memorials may be made in his name to his church or a charity of your choice.

Arrangements were made by Copeland's Sewickley-Irvine Chapel.

Nancy Belich Born in Sewickley

Nancy M. Cunzolo-Belich, 52, of Trinity, Fla., passed away April 9, 2005.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, April 30, at 10 a.m. at St. James Catholic Church in Sewickley.

She was born in Sewickley and moved to Florida in June, 2004 from Center Township in Beaver County.

She worked for US Airways at the Pittsburgh International Airport.

She was a member of the Roman Catholic faith.

She is survived by her husband, Michael Belich of Trinity; brother, Peter Cunzolo and his wife Rhonda of Tarpon Springs, Fla.; sister, Mary Jane Shook of Moon Township; niece, Alexa Cunzolo of Tarpon Springs, and nephew, Aaron

Shook of Moon Township.

Arrangements were made by the North/Meadowlawn Funeral Home and Cemetery of New Port Richey, Fla.

Bill Zerby

Born in Kansas

Bill Zerby, 81, of Overland Park, Kan., passed away April 14, 2005, at St. Luke's Hospital in Kansas City, Mo.

He was born July 19, 1923, in Coffeyville, Kan., to Henry A. and Lulu (Long) Zerby, growing up on a farm outside of Chanute, Kan.

Spending the 1970s in Valley Falls, Kan., where he worked in a meat market, he later moved to Overland Park, where he has lived since 1981.

He always looked for the good in all those around him and was appreciative of every deed, large or small, that was done for him.

His last words to his sister were, "Thanks, sis."

He was preceded in death by his parents; three brothers: Henry Allen Zerby, Morton Lee Zerby and Marion Zerby; and by Pearl Smotherman, his special friend.

He is survived by his brother, John Zerby and wife Ardith of Sewickley; sister Mary Zerby of Kansas City, Mo.; three nephews and six nieces.

Burial was in Columbus Cemetery, Columbus, Kan.

Arrangements were made by McGilley & Hoge Chapel of Overland Park.

Edward Dilisio

Resident of Coraopolis

Edward Dilisio, 88, a lifelong resident of Coraopolis, passed away on April 22, 2005, at Asbury Heights.

He was born in Coraopolis on Jan. 21, 1917, to the late Harry and Rose (Pompeo) Dilisio.

Mr. Dilisio was a member of St. James Church, worked 42 years as press operator of Pittsburgh Forgings, served in the U.S. Army during WWII, and was a 1935 graduate of Coraopolis High School.

He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Antoinette (Vescio) Dilisio; and his three daughters: Rosemary Buday and husband Ronald of Moon Township; Janice Dilisio of Hopewell; and Jane Schmetzer and husband William of Coraopolis.

Also surviving are his four sisters: Lillian D'Annibale, Edith Casasanta, Mary Daugherty and Helen Dilisio; seven grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by four sisters and one brother: Ann Gastner, Emma Dilisio, Albert Dilisio, Carrie Holt and Virginia Redli.

Burial with military honors was held at St. James Cemetery.

Arrangements were made by Copeland's Coraopolis Funeral Home.

In memory of Dulcy, a special friend to me.

I will always remember her. She was a faithful member of Antioch Baptist Church until her illness, but she continued to love the church. Dulcy was a true Christian, a special friend and a mother who loved her children and grandson.

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Good bye, Friend. God bless.



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SPORTS

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UPCOMING YMCA announces lots of activities for Senior Week

Sewickley Valley YMCA has announced its activities for Senior Week planned for May 10-13.

All senior residents can participate in the events. Most take place at the YMCA, Blackburn Road, Sewickley.

On Tuesday, May 10, from 9 to 11 a.m., there will be an Antiques Road Show where people can bring in their antiques and have them appraised by professional appraiser, Jack Squires.

The charge will be \$2 per item. Lunch follows. Squires also will be available for questions and answers during lunch.

The cost of the lunch is \$8. Reservations for lunch are due by Monday, May 2.

On Wednesday, May 11, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., the Senior Golf Tournament will be held at Scally's in Moon Township.

The cost is \$40 and it includes breakfast and lunch.

Applications are available at the YMCA. They are due by Tuesday, May 3.

On Thursday, May 12, at 1 p.m. The Spotlight Players will present "A Musical Revue, Cabaret Style."

Lunch will be included at \$12. Tickets can be purchased at the YMCA.

On Friday, May 13, from 9 a.m. to noon, there will be an "Ask The Pharmacist."

People can bring their prescription drugs and ask questions of a pharmacist. There is no cost.

A Duplicate Bridge Tournament will be held from 1-4 p.m.

The cost is \$5. You do not need to be a member of the YMCA to participate in any of the Senior Week activities.

For additional information, call Cindy Ward, 412-741-9622, Ext. 105

Quaker Basketball

A Season Kick-Start Clinic will be held July 25 through 28 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the Sewickley Community Center.

The program will be hosted by Quaker Valley varsity basketball head coach Sally Paille.

For more information call Paille at (412) 749-0587 or email: sallythe-coach@yahoo.com.

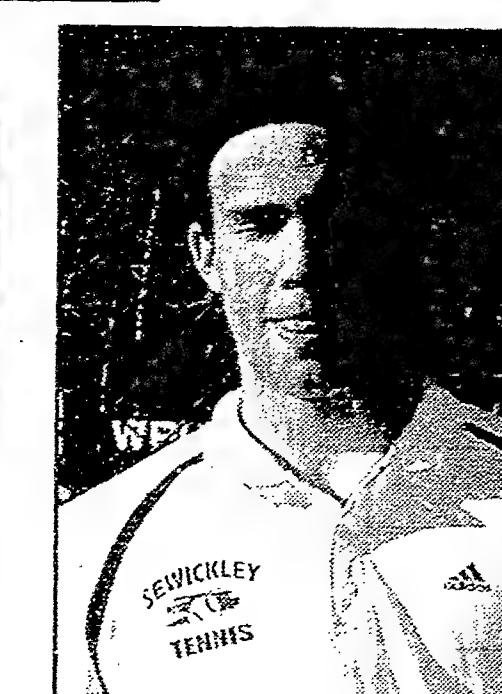
TENNIS



Alex Sinu



Rick Houghton



Evan Steigal



Trevor Heck

QV freshman steps into first singles play

By Jon Paul Creese

Sports editor

Maybe it's the energized, choppy foot routine he dazzles everyone with prior to returning a serve, or perhaps it's something more concrete like his ball speed and placement.

It could even be the simple fact that he is a freshman who has a reputation for dominating the older, more experienced competition.

Whatever the reason, Quaker Valley's Alex Sinu has a way a demoralizing his opponents.

Perhaps most intimidating for future competitors, the Long Island-native has only been playing tennis for four years and he's already surpassed his peers.

"I'm surprised," he said of his suc-

cess. "It's good because I caught up to kids who started younger. I work hard and play four days a week all year, and more often in the summer."

Sinu said he also enjoys playing at Winwood Academy in Wexford.

"I feel pretty good," he said of his chances of claiming a title this season.

"I'm looking forward to taking every match, one match at a time, winning every match."

Sinu has only lost one game, against Hopewell's first singles player, but he was able to win the match.

He admits he is always nervous before games, but plays it down.

"I don't think of myself as a leader," he said of his position on the team. "I think of Rick [Houghton] as the leader."

He's been doing this longer." Sinu replaced Houghton in first singles this year.

"Alex is very surprising as a ninth grader," Coach Ed Perry said.

"He's as good or better than any others I've had," he said, noting past QV players John Houghton, Ben McNight and others.

"He is very quiet and unassuming. He's not an elitest, even though he can dominate the court."

Houghton and Sinu have worked together, and the freshman is benefiting from Houghton's experience.

"Rick has taken him under his wing, even though he moved to number two singles. Alex has really taken to him. Rick has helped him a lot," said Perry.

Rick Houghton excels at second singles

By Jon Paul Creese

Sports editor

They are a family of tennis greats that have blessed the QV program for almost a decade.

They are doing the same for West Point, and Rick Houghton, senior, is looking forward to reuniting with his brother John, West Point senior, and sister, Katie, West Point sophomore.

His other sister and WPIAL's top singles prospect, Annie, QV sophomore, is coming right behind.

"He comes from a tennis family," said Quakers' head coach Ed "Pucky" Perry. "He's been to the states twice. He should be one of the top three at WPIALs this year."

Houghton settled for third last year. "He has improved every year," Perry

said. "He's been a team leader and helped the other kids a lot."

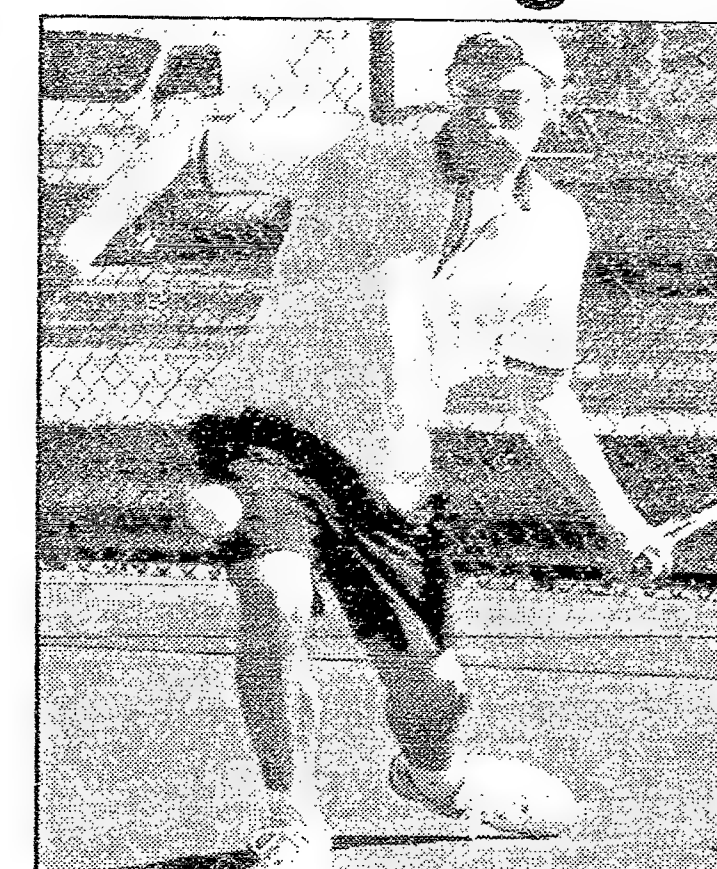
Houghton has had a great deal of success this year at second singles. He had a hard match against Sewickley Academy's Trevor Heck, while he suffered pain and swelling from having his wisdom teeth pulled days prior.

He dropped that match, but the fact he played says something about his work ethic and loyalty, something he may have learned from John and Katie.

Houghton, much like his siblings, does well on the academic front, with a grade point average over 4.0. He expects to carry on the tradition at West Point.

"It fabulous, phenomenal," Houghton said of being part of the Houghton quartet. "I learned everything from them."

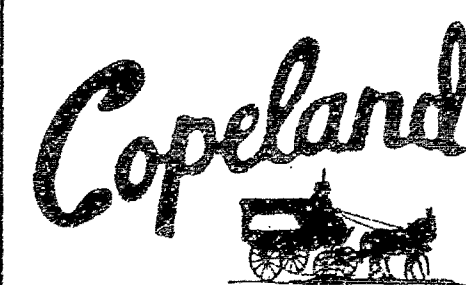
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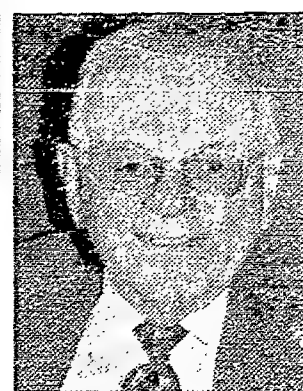
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TENNIS

Senior makes name in every sport

By Jon Paul Creese

Sports editor

The verdict is in. It unanimous. Trevor Heck's work ethic is responsible for the unprecedented success he's had in every sports endeavor, at least that is what all of his coaches say about him.

And Heck has proven his merit time, again, making All-Star in hockey, All-Section in soccer and earning the Academy's second singles slot.

"He's just a really, really hard worker," said SA coach Ellis Sukner, echoing Eric Hoolahan, Heck's hockey coach, who said pretty much the same thing earlier this year.

"He frustrates his opponents. He's a good scrapper, kind of like an underdog," she said.

"He gets under his opponents' skin in a way. He's a really consistent player for us."

Heck also is appreciated for being an unselfish team player.

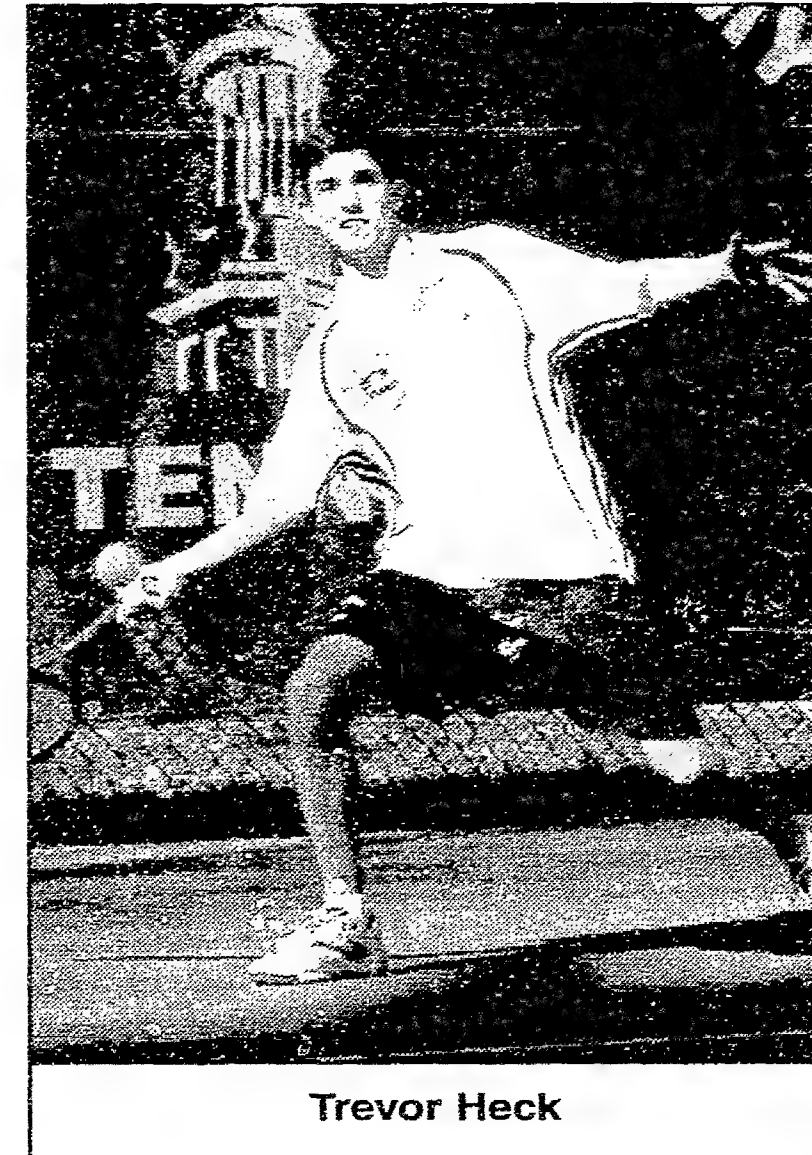
"We have a strong team," he said.

"I still feel our chances of winning the states are the best ever," he said, despite losing Zach Skorupka, last year's WPIAL singles champion.

Despite his success with hockey and tennis, accepting a soccer scholarship from Dickinson College was not a difficult decision after his experience with the Panthers in 2004.

"I hadn't played in a couple of years," he explained. "This year was the best experience of any sports season. I couldn't let it go."

"We had an amazing coach," he said of head



Trevor Heck

coach Uwe Stender, who came back to the Panthers after a six-year absence.

"It was a lot of fun to come back to a team with such good camaraderie."

Heck continues to excel as a leader on the court.

Senior Steigal keeps hope alive

By Jon Paul Creese

Sports editor

Evans Steigal is a fireball on the court.

He sends the ball over the net with threatening speed, works the net up close and is basically a very aggressive player.

The senior won the first singles spot for the Academy, replacing last year's WPIAL champion Zach Skorupka.

He has some pretty big shoes to fill but Steigal is comfortable with the position.

"I'm confident at first singles," he said candidly, adding that his biggest problem is a quarter-sized blister at the base of his middle finger on his palm.

Steigal has lost only one match so far this year to QV's Alex Sinu, which he struggled through on account of his injury.

Other than that his game is solid.

"I just need to work on my serve and get my hand better," he said.

"It's very tough holding the racket. I don't know what I'm going to do about this."

As for the Panthers as a unit, Steigal is upbeat.

"The team is more united this year," he said, adding that he fully expects the team to claim a second consecutive WPIAL gold and be competitive at the states.

"It would be a bonus to win singles at the states," he said of his chances at singles, but his goals are geared mostly toward the team.

"He's a really tough competitor," said Ellis Sukner, SA coach. "He's a leader and he sets a good example for the rest of the kids."

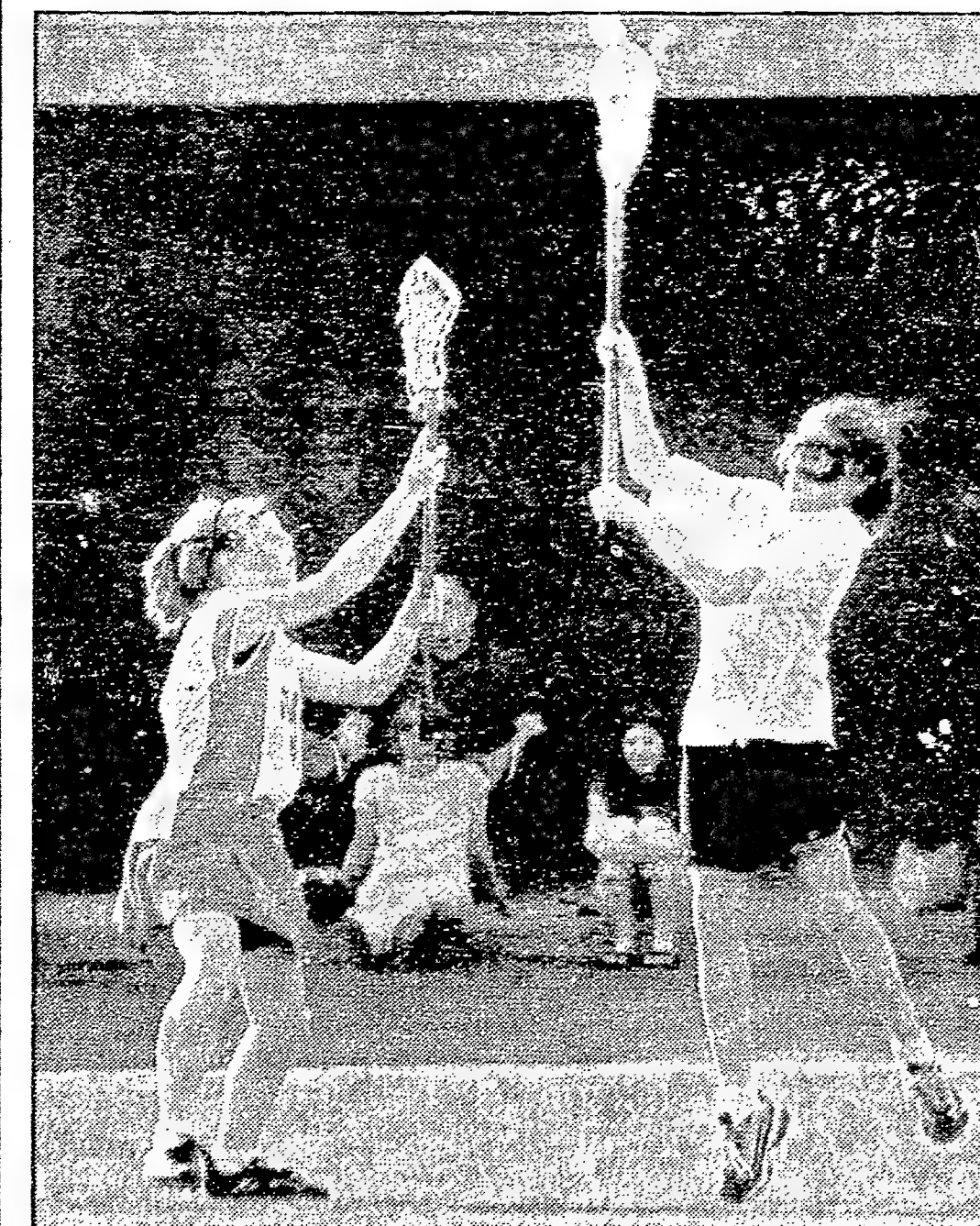
"I think he should have a great year."

Sukner, who played tennis for Marshall University, filled in as head coach this year, her first with the Panthers.

"He plays the ball really well. He's aggressive. He comes in a lot. His net game is really good, which is important in men's tennis."

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TAKING THE FIELD



QVMS GIRLS' lacrosse teams took to the field for their first game on April 18. Home field is at Osborne Elementary. Leah Bower (right) catches the ball. The teams played to a 4-4 tie. The lacrosse team is being organized by Judy Hetzell.

Photo by Annie Gensheimer

SPORTS BRIEFS

QVMFA holds registration

The Quaker Valley Midget Football Association will conduct its annual registration for the 2005 season.

Registration dates are Saturday, April 30, and Saturday, May 7.

Registration will be held at the Sewickley American Legion on Broad Street from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. for all football players and dance/cheer teams participants.

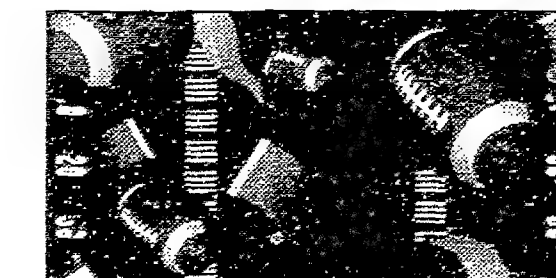
For more information, call Mitch Pawlik at 412-259-8039.

Fund-raiser

The Quaker Valley Midget Football Association will host a fund-raising dance Friday, May 6, at the Economy Bo-rough Fire Hall.

The night will include music from Tim Benson and the band "Frontier."

There will be food, a 50-50



drawing, Chinese raffle and cash bar.

Tickets are \$6.

For more information call Tracy Benson at 412-741-5457.

Quaker Basketball

A Season Kick-Start Clinic will be held July 25 through 28 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the Sewickley Community Center.

Cost is \$20.

The program will be hosted by Quaker Valley varsity basketball head coach Sally Paille.

For more information call Sally Paille at (412) 749-0587 or e-mail: sallythecoach@yahoo.com.

FOOTBALL

Minor League team start

Beginning this summer the Beaver/Allegheny County area will have a new Minor League football team.

All home games will be held at Quaker Valley Sports Complex.

Home games will be played at 7:30 p.m. unless circumstances force a change.

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QV grad leads in lacrosse

Quaker Valley graduate and Virginia Wesleyan senior All-American captain Megan Parris leads the Old Dominion Athletic Conference lacrosse stats with 65 goals and 38 assists, for a total of 103 points so far this season.

She has exceeded 200 career goals for the

HONORS

Marlins and is NCAA ranked # 2 nation-wide in points. Parris has twice been named conference athlete-of-the-week. The Marlins meet Randolph-Macon in the ODAC semi-final game on Saturday.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Groups host camps, games

QV Hockey

The 9th Annual Q-School of hockey will be held Aug. 1-5 at the Airport Ice Arena in Moon Township.

Priority will be given to Quaker Valley students and members of the Pittsburgh Aviators until May 1.

Goalies, which will be selected on a first come, first served basis (two young and two old), will receive daily specialized instruction for free.

The camp is hosted by QV varsity hockey head coach Kevin Quinn, who has led the Quakers to four consecutive PHL Class A Division West titles.

Quinn will also be conducting private lessons for interested QV hockey players and students.

Registration forms are avail-

able at the Quaker Valley Middle School.

For more information, call Quinn at 412-749-3605 or e-mail: www.quinnk@qvmsd.org.

More information also can be found at www.qvhockey.com, or www.pittsburghaviators.com.

Golf classic

Christian Sports International will sponsor the 5th Annual "Robin Cole for the Kids" Celebrity Golf Classic Monday, May 2, at the Conley Resort golf course in Butler, Pa.

Players scheduled to appear include Robin Cole, Rocky Blier, Louis Lipps, Kent Tekeulve, Randy Grossman, Jim Rooker and John Candelaria.

For more information call 724-453-1400, or visit the Web site at www.csikids.org.

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Clear water program topic

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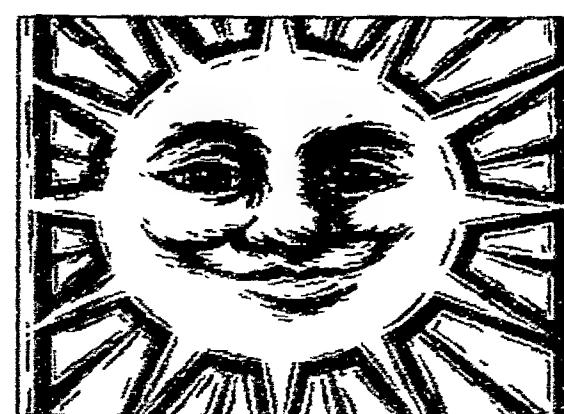
What can you do to insure that the water is kept as clean as possible for fishing, swimming, and the animals that depend on clean water?

This topic will be the focus of the next Oak Leaf Forum, sponsored by the Hollow Oak Land Trust.

The program will be held tonight (Wednesday) at 7:30 in the Environmental Center in Robin Hill Park, 949 Thorn Run Road, Moon Township.

Admission is free, and the public is encouraged to attend.

The speaker, Melanie Wertz of the Bureau of Watershed Management in the Pennsylvania Department of Environ-



mental Protection, will discuss the importance of vegetation in the corridor of land adjacent to streams and lakes.

This corridor, known as the "riparian buffer" can be managed to protect the stream bank from erosion to create feeding and living space for animals and birds.

For more information contact the HOLT office at 412-264-5354 or visit www.holt.org.

COG meetings

Quaker Valley Council of Governments' Municipal Appeals Board will meet on the following dates, if necessary, at 7 p.m. at the Emsworth Municipal Building, 171 Center Ave., Emsworth — May 19, July 21, Sept. 22 and Nov. 17.

The board will consider any matter pertinent to the activities of the board.

For more information about the Quaker Valley COG, call

John Jakiela, executive director, at 412-766-7458.

Class reunion

Quaker Valley's Class of 1985 is planning its 20th reunion on Saturday, Nov. 26, at the Holiday Inn in Moon Township.

The committee is looking for classmates.

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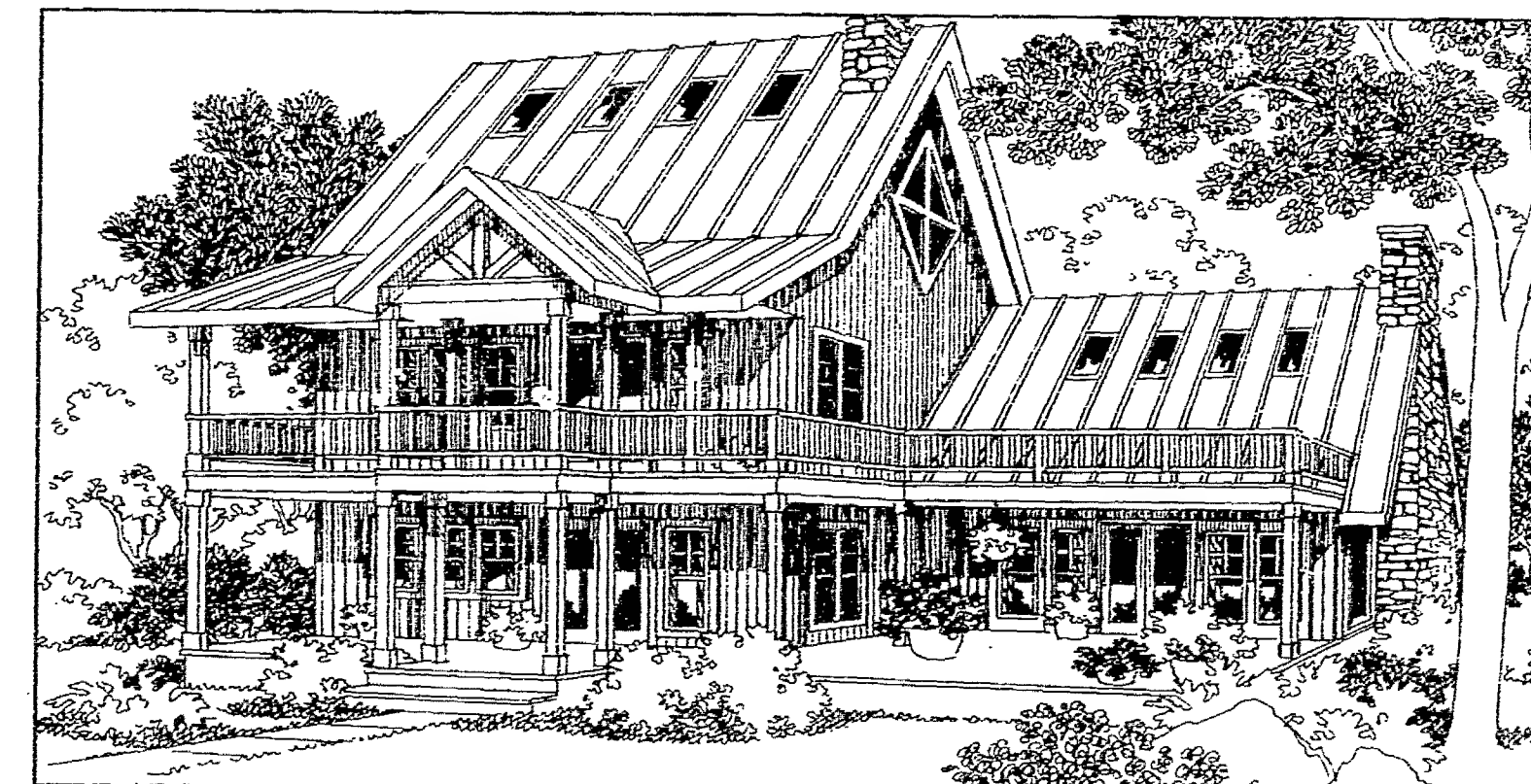
On both levels, partially covered decks span the entire front facade. Access to the lower deck is through the dining room and living room. The upper deck is essentially private, since the master suite fills the entire upper floor.

Rich in skylights and windows, this home needs little artificial lighting during daylight hours.

The vaulted living room has more windows than walls. Two levels of windows flank the stone veneer fireplace, and tall windows face the front.

A long eating bar is all that separates the kitchen and dining room. The roomy kitchen has a double-door pantry, and the dining room has a service bar with built-in cabinetry above and below.

Utilities are nearby, hidden behind folding doors next to the first floor bathroom. Two bedrooms are right across the hall.



Designed to serve as an adult retreat, the Avondale's luxurious vaulted master suite is as bright and spacious as the living room.

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Brian Fetterolf sold property at 148 Dilworth Road to Thomas and Mary Ellen Peduzzi for \$423,000.

William Kuriger sold property at Dry Run Road Route 02378 to Thomas Melisko Jr. and Kathy Melisko for \$30,000.

Joseph Carofino sold property at 5 Elm St. to

Jason Torrence for \$68,400.

Osborne

Estate of Ruth Debevoise sold property at 1204 Colonial Place Drive to Farhad Afshari and Nabat Mirpourian for \$329,000.

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OPEN SUN 1-4
317 Peabody St. - Charming Village home located along a pretty tree-lined street features a level rear yard with easy access from the alley. The handsome entry hall features a wonderful vintage stairway. The rooms are spacious with high ceilings and include a comfortable living room with a beamed ceiling and a log burning fireplace, a formal dining room and an eat-in kitchen. The bedrooms are large and there are 1.5 baths. There is a newer furnace and central air conditioning plus a screened porch. Dir: From Village, S. on Beaver St. to R. on Peabody. \$225,000

BEN AVON HEIGHTS
NEW LISTING
19 Canterbury - This pretty Colonial style home is located in a great neighborhood. Features of this fine home include a spacious living room with a fireplace, a formal dining room, an eat-in kitchen and family room. There are 6 bedrooms and 2.5 baths. Other features include beautifully refinished hardwood floors and beveled glass doors. Custom made "dollhouse" in the rear yard included. Detached garage and much more. See inside! Dir: Ben Avon Heights Rd. at tennis courts, L. on Beaver St. from central Village to property on R. \$395,000

SEWICKLEY
OPEN SUN 1-4
219 Beaver St. - "The Flats" Centrally located in the Village, this upscale condo unit offers a unique opportunity to a prospective buyer. Among the many fine features are hardwood floors, French doors, gas log fireplace and custom kitchen with top-of-the-line fixtures. Private balcony and a 1,000 sq. ft. roof top garden area for summer enjoyment. 2 assigned parking spaces. Beautifully appointed guest suite available to condo owners at no cost. Call for more information. Dir: N. on Beaver St. from central Village to property on R. \$395,000

SEWICKLEY
OPEN SUN 1-4
606 Mulberry St. - This beautifully renovated Cottage style home offers excellent Village location. There is a very private courtyard to enjoy in the summer months. 2 bedrooms and a full bath. Dir: Rt. 65 N. to R. on Broad St., R. Centennial Ave., L. Mulberry St. \$129,000

BELL ACRES
NEW CONSTRUCTION
"Charleston Square" This wonderful new neighborhood is located just minutes from Sewickley Village and offers expansive lots with 200' frontage and a minimum of 2 acres. Model home available! "French Country" design offers great space and light. Fabulous eat-in kitchen, 4 bedrooms and 3.5 baths. Detailed moldings and much more. Custom builders include Bachman Builders, William Minton and Sons and Hendolhurst, Inc. Dir: N. on Beaver Rd., R. Compromising Rd., L. into Charleston Square.

ALEPPO TOWNSHIP
NEW LISTING
Outstanding custom built home offers the finest in easy living. The first floor master suite is complemented by the open floor plan, hardwood floors and an extended deck which overlooks a beautiful yard. The lower level features 2 additional bedrooms, an office and a large family room with a fireplace. Large rooms, custom cabinetry and tasteful decorating make this a "rare find". Homeowners association maintains landscaping. Pool, tennis courts and play yards are available for owner use. Offered for \$365,000

LEET TOWNSHIP
NEW PRICE
This very appealing and beautifully maintained home is located in the "Quaker Heights" neighborhood and features 4 bedrooms and 2.5 baths. There is also a large living room, formal dining room, eat-in kitchen and family room with a fireplace. The lower level offers a comfortable game room with a second fireplace. The exterior has a new deck as well as a new wall with pillars creating an inviting entrance to the driveway. Call for more information. \$265,000

SEWICKLEY
NEW LISTING
Adorable townhouse style 2 story home in central Village location. This wonderfully renovated home features a den/loft area, first floor laundry and pretty private courtyard. Unbelievable value in the heart of Sewickley. Call for appointment. \$69,900

SEWICKLEY
NEW PRICE
Outstanding Alden Harlow designed home has been beautifully restored and offers graciously appointed rooms with fine period details including high ceilings, intricate woodwork and oak floors. A first floor laundry has been added and the kitchen has been fully modernized and expanded to meet the needs of today's families. The generous lot has been attractively fenced and sited with wrought iron and provides a safe haven for children and pets. There are 6 bedrooms and 5 full baths. The design and space of this home make it perfect for everyday living as well as entertaining. \$925,000

EDGEWORTH
NEW LISTING
This charming farmhouse style home is situated on a large lot with woods to the rear. Features of this wonderful home include 5 bedrooms and 3 full baths. There is also a comfortable living room with a fireplace, a formal dining room, updated eat-in kitchen, family room with a fireplace and a separate den on the main level. There is also an inviting covered front porch and a fenced rear yard. Integral garage and much more. Call for additional information. \$499,000.

LEET TOWNSHIP
NEW LISTING
Located in the picturesque neighborhood of "Old Sewickley Highlands", is this handsome Colonial style home. The large family room blends into the attractive eat-in kitchen. There are 4 generous size bedrooms on the second level. The lower level game room leads out to a 3 car garage. In addition, there is a wonderful in-law/hobby suite with 2 bedrooms, a bath, kitchen and living/dining area accessed through its own entrance. The large rear yard features an attractive deck and great views. Call for appointment. \$549,000

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Guen Larson 412-741-2200 \$99,000

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Pat Mooney 412-741-2200 \$209,900

134 KENNEY DRIVE
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Immaculate two-story Colonial in Quaker Heights, updated for today's living. Generous entry to formal living room and dining room, relaxing family room adjacent to the completely new eat-in kitchen. Four bedrooms and 2.5 bathrooms all in soothing decor. Great custom deck, sized for entertaining and relaxation. Level fenced yard and two-car garage. A true gem in move-in condition, call for all the details.
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OPEN SUN 1-4
Experience classic perfection in this brick two-story colonial. Lower level with open plan leading to a welcoming living room with custom bookcases flanking the fireplace, a freshly detailed dining room and warm, bright family room, with magnificent gold course views. New granite counter tops on in the center island kitchen with a breakfast bar, adjacent to the family room and expansive, swinging covered deck. Cherry paneled study with the same beautiful views. Four bedrooms and three bathrooms including the master suite with jet tub, separate shower and great closet. Finished lower game room with full bath opening to the patio. A wonderful value in a nice community.
Judy McKnight 412-741-2200 \$579,600

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Magnificent three story brick Colonial in the heart of Sewickley with welcoming front porch and grand entry hall with an open stairway and leaded glass palladium window, loaded with architectural detail. Formal drawing room, dining room and spacious family kitchen with every amenity. Up to seven wonderful bedroom spaces and 3+2 newer bathrooms. Beautiful marbles, hardwood floors and wood molding detail. Enjoy the grandeur of this well maintained home, central to all that defines great Village living.
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Betty Moraca 412-741-2200 \$299,500

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Meticulously renovated and maintained brick Colonial in Sewickley Heights. Secluded on a nice drive and 2.3 wooded acres this home enjoys unmatched vistas. Welcoming foyer with open stairway. Grand bright living room with a fireplace adjacent to the formal dining room. New professional kitchen with all the amenities open to the breakfast room and a warm, oversized family room with a fireplace. Four bedrooms and 2.5 bathrooms including the carefully designed master suite. Four car garage and three-tiered deck. A wonderful home. Call today for all the details.
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Colonial home minutes from the Village. Excellent condition. Family room opens into eat-in kitchen. Lower level game room leads out to 3 car garage. 4 bedrooms & nanny suite with 2 bedrooms, BA, kit, and living room. Large rear deck. Private view - Wow!

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Charming 4 bedroom brick house in Sewickley Village. Guest quarters over garage (2 bed) kit, living and Ba. 3 car garage. Walk to schools and bus. Lovely location.

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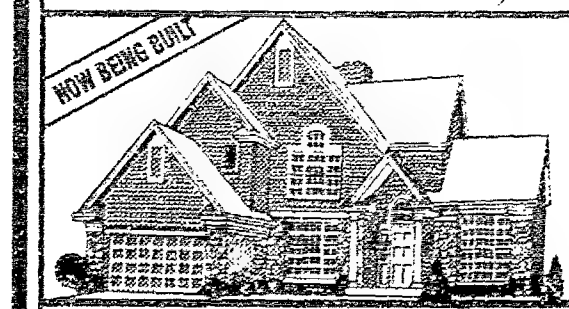
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Enjoy the inground heated pool this summer! Stunning 4 bedroom custom home. Gourmet kitchen, incredible master suite, fully finished lower level with solid oak custom bar and fireplace. Top of the line everything.

Amanda Wodzinski

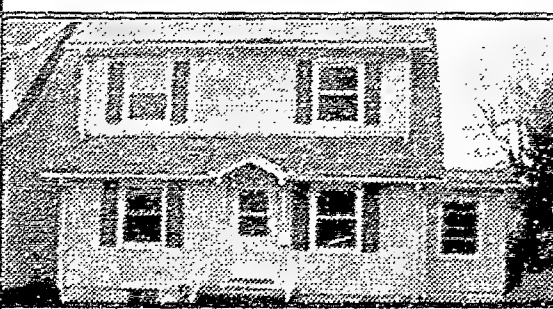
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Construction has begun on this stunning 3500 sq. ft. custom built home located in Sturbridge Court, Franklin Park. Home can be customized by you if you act soon. Features include 4 bedrooms, 3.5 baths, two fireplaces and attached 3 car garage.

Jay Hopay

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Move right into this 3 bedroom, 1.5 bath home. Updates include furnace and air conditioning, siding, soffit, fascia and gutters, newer windows, roof and electrical. Also features a den and 4 off-street parking spaces.

Drago Cvetkovich

\$115,000

HOME OF THE WEEK

Estate offers great views from Heights

Beautifully sited on a nine acres in Sewickley Heights, this estate offers privacy and breathtaking views of the Ohio River.

A grand marble entry hall leads to a custom-pillared great room with walls of windows and a fabulous fireplace.

A vaulted and beamed family room with built-in book shelves, game room with fireplace and large open granite kitchen with top-of-the-line appliances offer both formal and casual living options for millenium buyers.

The owner's suite offers two large walk-in closets, fireplace and grand marble bathroom with walk-in shower and jet tub.

Five additional spacious bedrooms and four additional full baths (plus powder room) offer endless options for family and guests.

Sewickley Village and its fine galleries, cafes and cultural offerings are just moments away.



Offered by Howard Hanna Real Estate Services in the Village of Sewickley and marketed by Kay Caravaggio at 412-741-2200, Ext. 512 and Dana Johnson 412-366-3100,

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Contact Kay or Dana for further details or a private tour.

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Honoring its top sales associates in grand fashion, Howard Hanna Real Estate Services hosted "Revel in Rio!" a spectacular week-long vacation to Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, March 16-23.

Sales associates, staff and guests, numbering 171, enjoyed luxury accommodations at the five-star Caesar Park Hotel in Ipanema and also experienced welcoming festivities on top of famed Sugarloaf Mountain.

Activities included a trip via cogwheel train to Corcovado Mountain to see the Christ the Redeemer Statue, a Jeep journey into the rainforest and a night at the races at the exclusive Rio Jockey Club.

A private carnival was arranged at the Villa Riso estate, and all the guests took advantage of the Hanna Cabana on Ipanema beach.



REVELING IN Rio were (from left) Kay Caravaggio, Karl Owens, President Helen Hanna Casey, Betty Moraca and Carroll Ferguson, from the Sewickley office.

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Located on 7.65 acres of beautiful countryside, this splendid brick residence offers vistas from every window and lots of natural light. The first floor master suite is a bonus as is the large kitchen with plenty of storage space, a center island, breakfast bar and adjacent screened porch. An efficient floor plan combined with handsome detailing make this house a very attractive purchase. Only minutes from Village and shops, the peaceful setting includes a golf course view, mature trees, a patio and pond.

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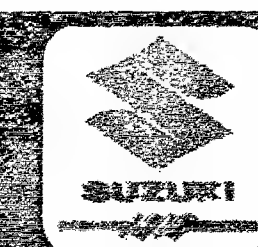
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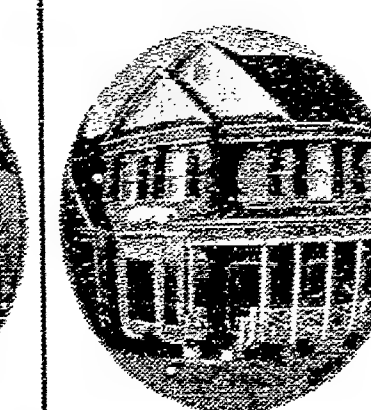
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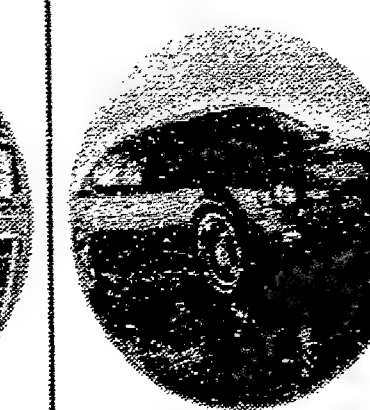
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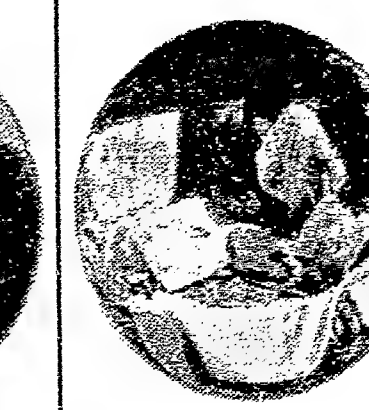
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That's one of the key findings of a study of IT professionals that found that the top reason individuals pursued IT certification in 2002 was to enhance professional credibility.

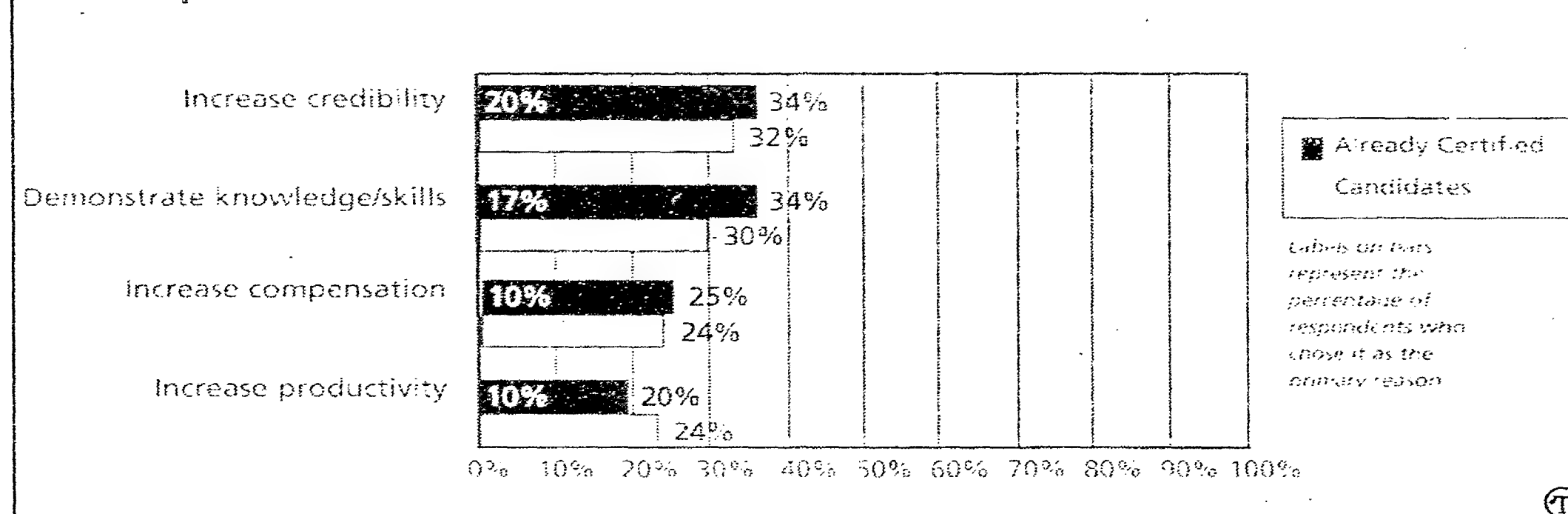
Survey respondents pointed to the increase in confidence and perception of competence that comes with certification as a reason for pursuing it.

For managers, the benefits of certification can increasingly be found in the value that it brings to the organization. Organizations are still looking to IT certification as a tool to evaluate their current staff and screen prospective job applicants.

Hiring managers appear to perceive certification as a price of entry and may find it conspicuous if contenders do not cite certifications on their résumé.

Ninety percent of managers surveyed indicated that some percentage of their staff had taken a certification test for training programs where certification was available.

Top Four Reasons for Certification



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In general, the survey results show an increased focus and willingness to prove credibility among candidates and already certified respondents.

Thirty-two percent of candidates and 34 percent of already certified respondents report credibility as the top reason for certification last year, compared with 27 percent and 12 percent, respectively, in 2001.

Additionally, demonstrate knowledge and skills, increase compensation and increase productivity followed credibility as the top reasons to pursue certification among candidates and already certified respondents.

A company called Prometric, described as a global leader in the technology-enabled testing and assessment industry, has been conducting these studies for the past five years as

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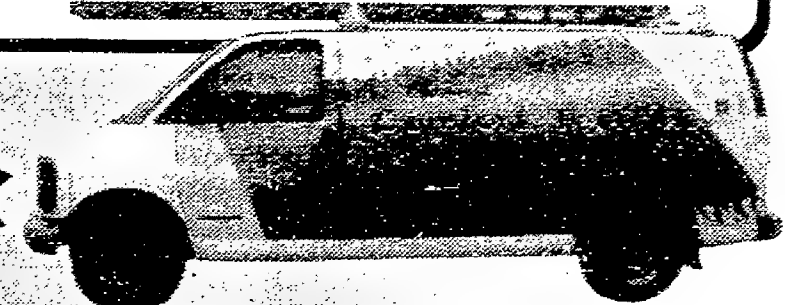
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Heed environmental etiquette

(ARA) - A healthy lawn is not only a pleasure to look at, but it is also good for our environment. Here are several reasons why:

- Lawns and other turf areas provide a natural water filtration system.
- The root system purifies the water that goes through it.
- The lawn helps replenish the oxygen supply and filters airborne pollutants, like dust and soot.
- A healthy lawn also prevents soil erosion, reduces sunlight glare, builds topsoil, reduces noise and increases home value.

So now that you know why a healthy yard is good for the environment, here are some things you can do:

Composting

You may have noticed compost bins in your neighbor's backyard. You can build one yourself or buy a composter. If you build one, it should be at least three feet in diameter and four feet high in order to build up a hot internal temperature that gets it "cooking." And John Deere recommends that you also use a fertilizer with 10 parts each of nitrogen, potassium and



phosphorus. To control odor, use lime and a layer of soil. You can use many things to make your compost, but organic materials that will easily decompose, like leaves, grass clippings, straw and other disease-free vegetable matter, are best. And, in the spring, you can use your compost to spruce up your vegetable garden ... it's called "gardeners' gold."

Grasscycling

Did you know that grasscycling is a way you can be environmentally friendly? Grasscycling is a process that returns nutrients to the soil while solving the problem of disposing of yard debris. You can grasscycle by following the John Deere one-third rule, which is to mow only one-third of the grass

blade at a time. Or, you can use a mulching mower to cut and re-cut clippings into tiny pieces. And don't worry — grasscycling won't cause thatch. Grass clippings are 85 percent water, so they decompose quickly and return nutrients to the lawn.

Watering

Water pollution has been a cause for concern around the globe. Did you know you have a water purification system right outside your door? It's your lawn. A healthy lawn actually helps filter contaminants out of rainwater. And maintaining this purification system can be simple. First, take a soil sample from your lawn and have it analyzed by your county extension agent or a landscape professional to make sure your lawn is receiving the nutrients it needs. Second, always follow the John Deere one-third rule. Third, make sure you follow fertilizer application directions to avoid burning your lawn. Finally, when it's time to water, water deeply, but infrequently — about 1 to 1 1/2 inches each week.

Following these simple tips can help protect your yard and the environment.

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Home projects: Tips to help save

(NAPSI)-Experts say there are smart ways for do-it-yourselfers to build up their home's value and beauty. While many people have a dream list of home improvements, it's important to decide what changes will bring the most value to your home. For 15 years, JoAnne Liebler has been showing do-it-yourselfers how to fix, design and improve their homes through television shows such as TLC's "Home Savvy," and PBS's "Hometime." Here, she offers some simple tips on where to save and where to splurge on various home improvements.

Flooring

SPLURGE: Invest in hardwood floors to make them uniquely yours. No longer are homeowners limited to plain oak planks. Today, they can customize their floor color and create elaborate patterns and borders. According to the American Hardwood Information Center,

hardwood flooring can add as much as \$10,000 to a home's resale value.

SAVE: Maybe you're getting ready to move or you've just realized how abused your floors look. There are ways do-it-yourselfers can revitalize the look of their floors. Try using a product such as Orange Glo Hardwood Floor Refinisher. In a day's time and for about \$10 a bottle, you can renew your hardwood floors-saving yourself a lot of headaches and possibly thousands of dollars.

Furniture

SPLURGE: Give yourself a budget to find one piece from which you can build the rest of the room-whether it's an antique hutch or a modern chair. Having the right piece as the focal point will create a foundation for your design.

SAVE: Instead of buying a complete new dining set or bedroom suite, consider buying unfinished furniture and staining

it for a custom look. Or mix and match with an interesting dining table and different chairs found at a local flea market. Pieces from different eras add visual interest to any room.

Kitchen

SPLURGE: Granite countertops are expensive, but few things beat their beauty and durability-they're a timeless and elegant choice for any home. Plus, they're extremely heat- and scratch-resistant and easy to clean. It's worth opening up the pocketbook for this practical countertop choice.

SAVE: If your kitchen needs an update, start with the most dominant feature: the cabinets. Wood cabinets can benefit from a good old-fashioned cleaning. Otherwise, a fresh coat of paint and updated hardware can give you a whole new look in a week-end, and won't break the bank.

For more tips, visit www.woodfloorcare.com.

Ideas to keep your deck from deteriorating

(NAPSI)-Decks are an important part of a homeowner's everyday lifestyle and an indispensable part of every home.

They allow people to add an extra outdoor room without the price of time and energy.

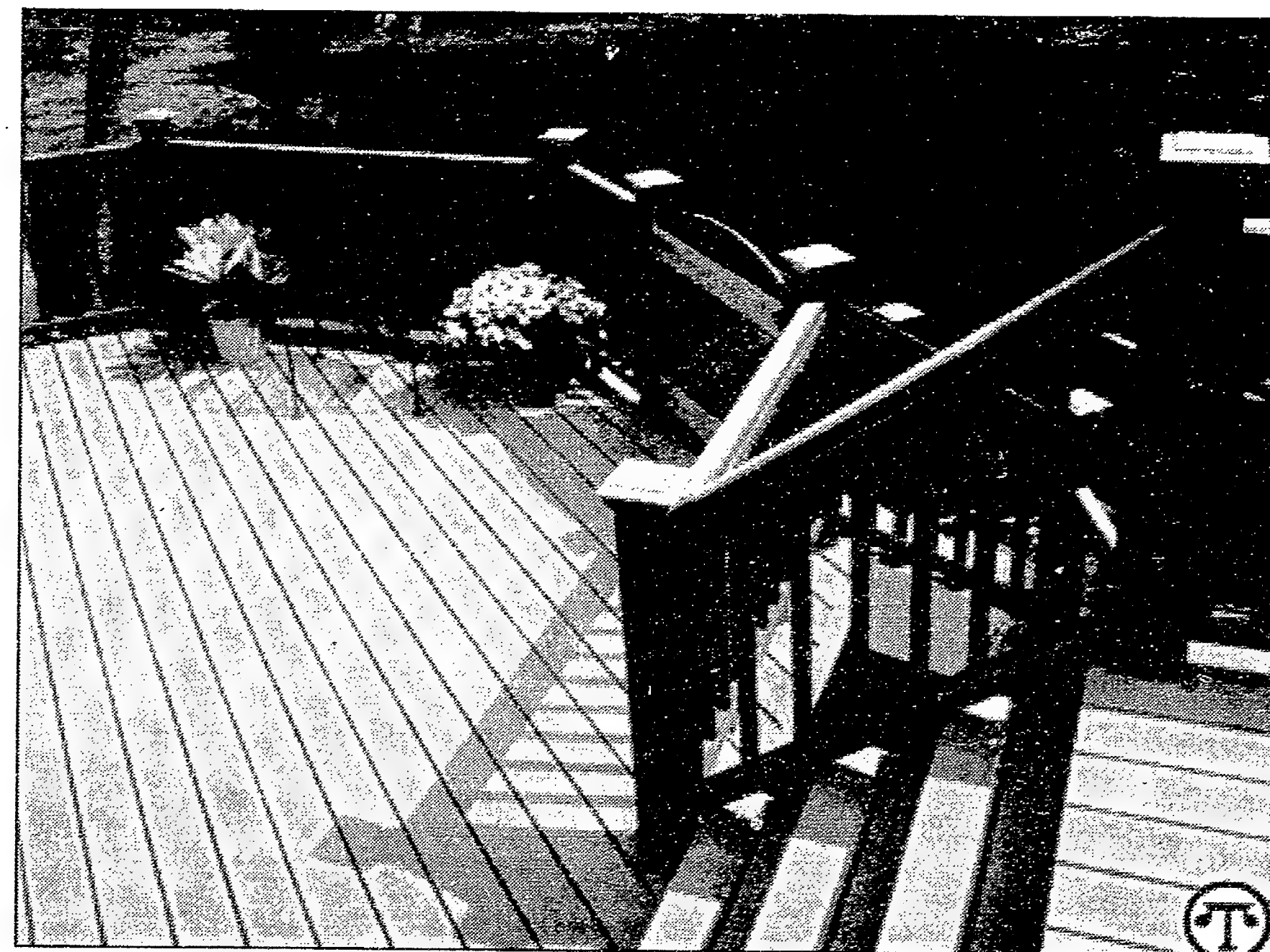
Deck maintenance can be quite a hassle and very time-consuming.

Because people have busy schedules that do not allow for proper maintenance of outdoor living spaces, the look and feel of a deck deteriorates over time...until now.

Homeowners do not like the hassle of staining, sealing and waterproofing their decks, and now technology allows the decking industry to reach new heights by creating decking materials from substances other than wood.

One of the many new decking alternatives developed in recent years is wood composite decking. It has become the industry's up-and-coming preferred decking material not only because it is low-maintenance, but also because of the many features traditional treated wood does not embody.

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nates the expense and hassle of annual staining and water sealing.

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ufacturers have created more options for the homeowner.

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Water conservation tips and effects

(ARA) - According to the American Water Works Association (AWWA), the highest water-consuming appliance in the house is the toilet.

Twenty-eight percent of the water consumption in your home is flushed down the toilet.

It may be hard to believe that in the United States, which has an almost endless supply of natural resources, 20 states are plagued with severe drought conditions.

This shortage of water is a serious problem that affects all Americans because everyone is dependent on water for basic survival needs, personal hygiene and economic stability and growth. Cities and municipalities with limited water resources are quickly tapping out their supplies.

Even in the Midwest where water still appears abundant, cities are fighting over water rights. Like staking claims from the Gold Rush days, billboards have started to pop up expressing these territorial rights.

So how does water impact my local economy?

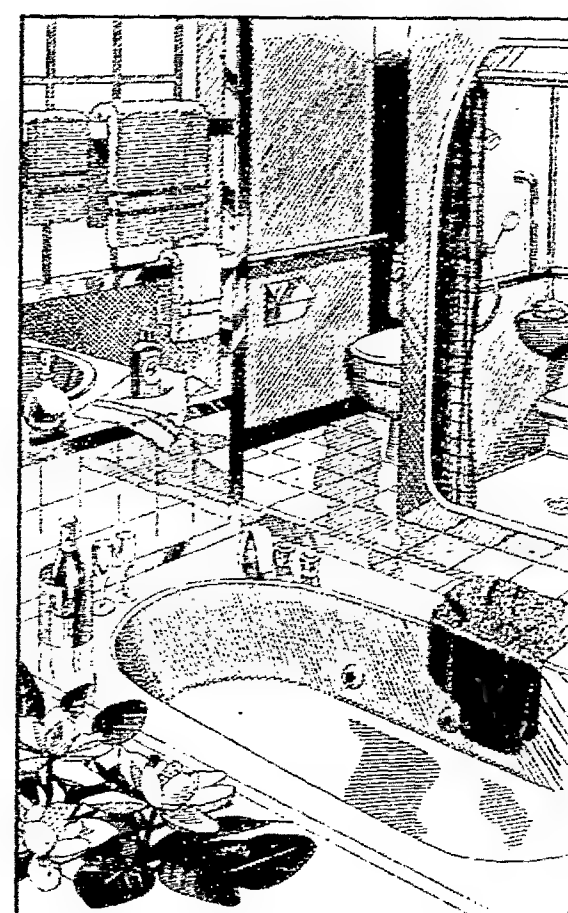
Water might not have an impact overnight like today's stock market can, but when a town or city has to allocate its water resources, it is going to issue building permits that offer the greatest tax income return.

When a community's water resource is tapped out, that means it cannot expand, which caps its tax base and excludes growth.

With the trend of suburban sprawl, water issues are critical, because of the effects they have on homeowners.

How does it impact a homeowner?

Over time, homeowners will see water rates and real estate



taxes increase. Groceries — especially produce products — will cost more.

Watering lawns and washing cars will be forbidden and homeowners will be expected to collect rainwater to nourish outdoor plants and shrubs.

What can be done to help this situation today?

The positive effects of replacing toilets are evident. Consider, for example, that on Thanksgiving Day in 1999, 16.4 million people flushed their toilet during halftime of the annual football game, consuming 48.5 million gallons of water.

That amount would have been cut in half if every household had these new low-consumption toilets installed. The effect is staggering — but it proves that individual households can make a difference.

Since toilets have been identified as the greatest consumers of water in a house, this is a good place to start — by replacing older, water-guzzling toilets. The average toilet in a home today flushes three gallons of water.

By installing an Ultra Low Flush (ULF) 1.6 gallon per flush or a High-Efficiency Toilet (HET) 1.0-gallon per flush toilet can greatly reduce water consumption.

Toilet Technology

There are two common technologies available for homeowners today — both with pros and cons — but the more you know about what is available, the more satisfied you will be when you install your new toilet.

Now that federal regulations mandate all toilets must operate on 1.6 gallons of water, as opposed to the previous standard of four gallons per flush, the performance level of modern gravity-fed toilets has suffered, considering they have to do the same job with 60 percent less water.

The most common toilet technology is known as gravity-fed, which is easily identified by lifting the lid from the tank, which will reveal stored water used to complete the next flush.

This technology is supposed to deliver the water to the bowl at a rate that creates a siphoning action that pulls the contents of the bowl down the drainline.

The relatively new pressure-assist toilet technology collects built-up energy inside a vessel that compresses air using water pressure from the supply line. When the toilet handle is depressed, the harnessed energy is let loose, forcing the water into the specially designed bowl with a jet at the entrance of the trapway, pushing bowl contents down a standard drainline.

Pressure-assist toilets generate almost three times the flow rate of gravity toilets at 70 gallons per minute and can be installed in the same dimensional area as traditional units.

Aside from pressure-assist units being perceived as louder,

the main difference between the two types of toilets is that pressure-assist systems provide a "push" instead of a "pull," which keeps all the energy behind the water, forcing it down the drainline to complete the job with a single flush.

So how do you choose?

The best way to choose is to ask yourself some simple questions like, "How did your old toilet perform using four or more gallons to operate?"

If you were happy with its performance, a gravity-fed model may be your best choice, but if you experienced poor performance, you should consider pressure-assist technology.

Another consideration is, "Which bathroom is this for and who uses it most?" Experience proves that children are harsh on toilets, meaning many items find their way into the toilet, which demands a powerful flush.

One other thing to keep in mind is the age of the household plumbing system, as most older drainlines are larger in diameter than the size currently needed. If you have experienced any problems with your drains, you should consider pressure-assist technology.

So when making a decision on your next toilet, consider the actual water savings and look for a toilet that has a large water surface area and trapway system that improves performance and "usability." For this purchase more than any other, you must be aware of what you are buying, because you rarely see Want Ads for slightly used toilets.

For more information about pressure-assist toilets, visit www.flushmate.com or call Sloan FLUSHMATE at (800) 875-9116.

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National Barbecue Month – It's one of twelve

(NAPSI) - May is officially National Barbecue Month.

Don't tell anyone, but nearly 60 percent of all grill owners now cook outdoors year-round and you are probably among them.

And you know why: it's fun, it's safe, it's right in your own backyard and, best of all, the food tastes great!

Seven out of 10 U.S. households have a grill (the average home has more than one), and with the increasing use of outdoor hearth appliances—chimineas, portable firepits and patio heaters—the 12-month "season" is more a reality than an empty claim.

Any Way You Want to Cook...

Although the ease, convenience and cleanliness of cooking on gas grills has made them the two-to-one choice of American barbecuers, charcoal is making a strong resurgence.

The primary reason so many homes have two or more grills is the growing popularity of portables, smokers and turkey fryers/seafood cookers.

Wood chips and chunks have enjoyed tremendous growth in recent years, and premium grills, in addition to a wide range



of features, now even offer higher temperatures, infrared searing stations or cooking systems.

Regardless of the type of grill you prefer, it all comes down to the terrific taste of food cooked outdoors.

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Although the vast majority of barbecuing is done right in the backyard, more and more people

now take a portable grill with them to a campground, a beach, or a tailgating event such as a game, auto race or concert.

New Stuff

The barbecue industry has rolled out a lot of neat new things for May: more high-end portables, higher-performance electric grills, high-end gas grills with infrared searing stations and a world of accessories, including flavored wood planks, digital meat thermometers, lights built into grill lids, many neat cleaning tools and more.

Barbecue Time Is Anytime

There's a great grill to fit any budget. Eighty percent of new grills sell for less than \$300, but the sky is virtually the limit, with \$5,000 to \$10,000 grills for those who want a virtual outdoor kitchen.

You demand high quality, high performance, reliability and durability, and smart grill manufacturers are meeting these needs. As a result of improved design and advanced technology, grills even last longer.

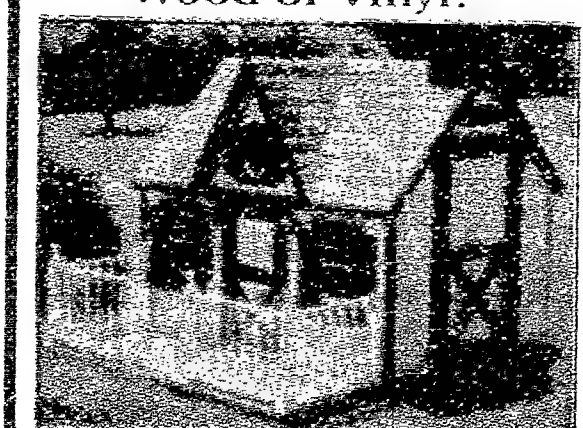
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Safe techniques and tools make for easier gardening

(ARA) - A hobby for some, while a chore for others, gardening is an activity undertaken by two-thirds of all American homes each year, according to the National Gardening Association. Odds are, you're one of these garden enthusiasts.

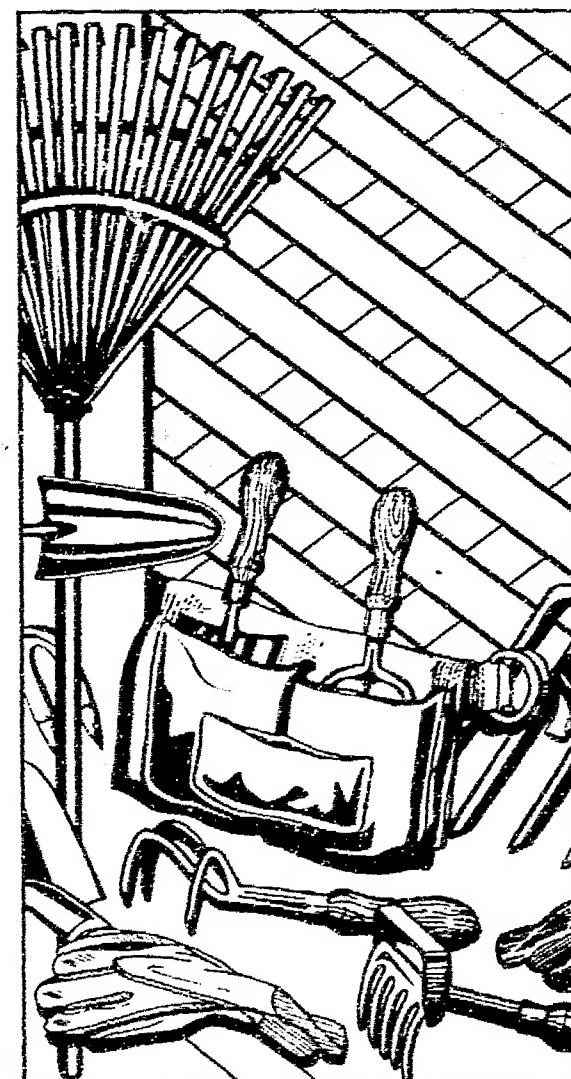
But before you start thinking about what to plant and where, make sure you're thinking safety, as well. Start by ensuring that you're not overexposed to the sun. This can be done by avoiding gardening during the midday and wearing sunscreen. And don't forget to warm up before beginning to avoid pulling a muscle.

To avoid fatigue or exhaustion, also remember to take frequent breaks, keep yourself well hydrated and be realistic about tackling large tasks in the lawn in a single day.

It's also important that your garden equipment is properly maintained. Clean, sturdy, sharp tools can make all the difference in the world to make gardening easier and safer.

The proper use of lawn and garden tools is also important to avoid strain. When using long-handle tools, such as a rake or shovel, try to keep your back straight. Grip your tools lightly when working to avoid injury. Joe Sherinski, host of "Garden Power", also recommends that all your tools have comfortable grips.

Fortunately, there are new lines of tools that aid in making lawn and gardening work easier and safer. Many tools are now made with fiberglass, instead of wood, which cuts down on the weight of the tool, keeping exertion to a minimum. Two new lines of long-handle shovels, rakes, hoes, and post hole diggers from Ames True Temper use a new type of fiberglass that is 10 percent lighter than traditional varieties of fiberglass, yet 25 percent stronger for a longer, more reliable service life. The new lines — the True Temper Silverback Long Handled Tool Line and the Ames Diamondback Long Handled Tool Line — also feature a triangular-shaped handle to create a more natural grip. Research



shows that the triangular shape best fits the shape of the hand when gripping long-handled tools. This comfortable position reduces hand fatigue significantly. An over-molded grip further prevents blistering.

The International Chiropractors Association (ICA) recommends using long-handle tools to give better leverage and avoid having to stoop and twist with your back while performing tasks such as raking or digging. They also advise avoiding continually bending over while you're standing. Instead, use a garden stool, or kneel, and keep your back protected by rising via straightening the legs and knees, not lifting your upper body from the waist. It is also advantageous to rotate tasks to avoid staying in one position too long.

The Canadian Physiotherapy Association suggests selecting a tool by matching the size of the tool handle to the size of your hand and using a loose, comfortable grip. An extended handle is also ideal for many tasks to reduce overreaching. Have the right tools for the job and find your "easy zone," which is a comfortable position to work in and use tools to assist you as you move with your work.

The new Earth Tool line, also from Ames True Temper, is

based on this principle.

Lightweight and mid-sized, the new Earth Tool hoe, shrub rake, cultivator, shovel and garden rake are specifically designed to meet the height and weight requirements of female and senior gardeners.

One of the most common gardening tasks that often results in injury is shoveling. To avoid injury, the lawn care experts at Ames True Temper recommend the following shoveling tips. First, make sure the shovel's head is perpendicular to the ground when you are pushing in with your foot. If you cannot push with one foot, don't attempt jumping onto the shovel with both feet to drive the tip in; if the ground is this hard, you'll need a backhoe or pry bar for the job.

Second, when lifting dirt out of the hole, don't grip close to the bottom of the shovel or too far at the end of the handle, because this causes strain on your back. Grip in the middle and continue the upward motion of lifting the dirt to throw it into a wheelbarrow or onto a tarp.

Third, should you encounter roots while digging, don't attempt to use your shovel as a pry bar. Instead, use the tip of the shovel as a chopping tool and cut cleanly through the root by turning the shovel around. And as with any other gardening task, always keep your back straight while shoveling.

The final gardening tip is to wear the proper attire. Always wear gloves and kneepads to keep warmer, dryer and more comfortable. Wearing an apron with large pockets is also helpful to keep commonly used tools at hand, which avoids constant rising and squatting, as well as continual trips to the garage or shed.

With these tips in mind, gardening should be much easier and safer for you this spring, leaving your lawn and garden beautiful and you more rested and injury-free.

For more tips on how to ease the pain and strain of lawn and garden work, visit www.amestruetemper.com.

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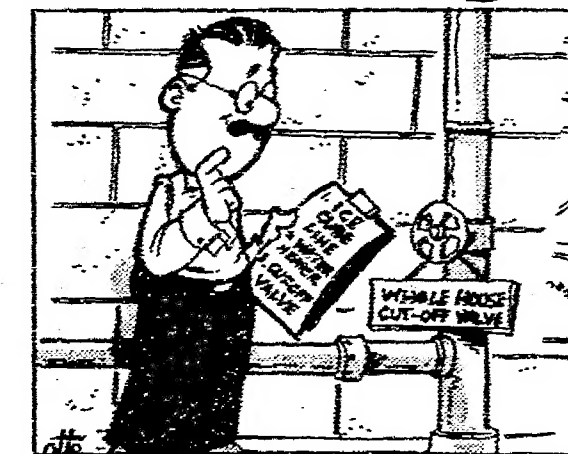
Prevent water damage

(NAPSI)-Household water damage can cause a flood of problems and high repair costs.

Fortunately, some of the most common problems are preventable, says the Institute for Business & Home Safety (IBHS).

According to IBHS, the top five sources of preventable losses are: Toilet, Washing machine hose, Water heater, Ice maker supply line, and Shower pan.

The organization says: Routinely check for leaks around all water sources. Know the location of the shutoff valve for your toilet (and whole house) and don't overstuff the commode. Make sure your washing machine hose is properly connected and if it's brittle or cor-



roded, replace it with a steel-reinforced hose and consider installing a water shutoff valve. Examine your hot water heater for corrosion. Check the connection to your ice maker's water line. Maintain the caulking in your tub and shower.

For more information and tips, visit www.ibhs.org or call toll free 1 (866) 657-4247.

Tips to eliminate mold

(NAPSI)-If you're ever worried about mold in your home, you have lots of company. In a recent survey by CertainTeed Corporation, 55 percent of the respondents expressed the same concern. According to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the New York City Health Department, homeowners can minimize the risk of mold by keeping these tips in mind:

- Fix any water leaks.
- Reduce indoor humidity (to 30 to 60 percent) to decrease mold growth.
- Clean and dry any damp furnishings within 24 to 48

- hours to prevent mold growth.
- Clean hard surfaces with water and detergent. Dry completely.
- Prevent condensation on cold surfaces by adding fiber glass insulation.
- If constructing a new home, ask your builder about products to minimize the potential for moisture and mold growth such as MemBrain, a smart vapor retarder placed inside wall cavities. It allows excess moisture that gets into wall cavities to escape.

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Weeding out lawn problems

(NAPSI)-There are ways to be sure the grass isn't always greener on the other side of the fence-and a good place to start is with weeds. Weeds can completely destroy a lawn by stealing water, nutrients and sunlight-all of which are necessary ingredients for healthy grass.

Industry experts from Vigoro, a leading brand of lawn and garden care products, say the most effective way to prevent weeds from popping up is to establish an annual lawn care program. That involves applying an early season application of a pre-emergent control.

A pre-emergent herbicide controls weeds before they sprout. In contrast, a post-emergent weed killer only kills weeds after they have appeared. Vigoro offers a technologically advanced pre-emergent crabgrass control that also offers post-emergent control.

Consider the following tips from Vigoro on how and when to apply a weed control.

- The best time to apply weed control products is when plants are young and actively growing.
- Apply weed control to



grass that is wet, preferably with morning dew. The moisture will help the granules stick to the weeds. The exception to this rule is for St. Augustine lawns that require application to dry grass and then need to be immediately watered into the soil.

- For best results wait one to two days after application to irrigate. This gives the herbicide sufficient time to kill the weeds.
- Granular pest control should be applied when the grass is dry and then the lawn should be watered thoroughly.
- Set the mower higher and only cut the top one-third of the grass. Taller grass will shade

out and discourage weeds.

- Don't overwater. Excessive shallow watering promotes weed-seed germination.
- Always read and follow directions on labels. All Vigoro products include a project guide to inform consumers how to use the products and when to apply them. The guide also features general tips for a thick, healthy lawn.

For more information on an annual lawn care program in the area, visit www.vigoro.com.

Setting the lawn mower blade high lets grass grow tall enough to shade out weeds before they have a chance to take hold.

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Vehicles make chores easier

(NAPS)-Working in the great outdoors is often challenging.

Whether you're doing chores on your own property, managing the grounds you tend professionally, or enjoying a favorite outdoor activity or hobby, getting the right equipment from one place to another is critical to getting the job done.

Fortunately, Simplicity Manufacturing has a utility vehicle to meet your needs.

Simplicity offers two models: a Turf Cruiser that's turf-friendly, stable and offers plenty of carrying capacity; or a Trail Cruiser designed for rugged off-road transport and towing. Whichever model you choose, these utility vehicles make your outdoor tasks a breeze thanks to a combination of power, safety features and capacity.

• The Turf Cruiser is versatile enough for working at schools, municipalities, businesses or homes with a fair amount of acreage.

This utility vehicle has a 16-horsepower V-twin engine that provides forward ground speeds up to 20 mph.

Variable automatic transmission, differential lock and independent front suspension allow



it to handle a half-ton payload and 1,000-pound towing capacity with ease.

In addition, the ride is stable and turf-friendly, making the vehicle a smart choice for yard work.

• The Trail Cruiser mirrors the features of the Turf Cruiser, but also offers a 1,500-watt onboard generator, protective brush bar, 2,500-pound-rated electric winch and off-road

tires. Both models, which are available at Simplicity, Snapper and Snapper Pro dealers, come with full instrumentation, 12-volt DC output, under-hood storage, a Class One rear hitch and bumper.

For more information or to locate a dealer nearby, visit the Web sites at www.simplicitymfg.com, www.snapper.com or www.snapperpro.com.

You have a chance of winning the backyard of your dreams with the Dream Backyard Giveaway.



Building your dream yard with giveaway

(NAPS)-You may have dreamed about the perfect backyard. Now you may be able to make that dream come true.

The numbers show that homeowners love their backyards.

Consumers will spend more than \$41 billion sprucing up their yards this year, according to the Professional Landcare Network.

That figure has increased nearly 44 percent in the past three years as homeowners add everything from gazebos and water features to landscaped patios and play areas.

Now a new giveaway from Briggs & Stratton Corporation is awarding a dream backyard each month April through September. Visit www.dream-backyardgiveaway.com to enter. You can enter once daily; one winner's name will be drawn each month.

The Dream Backyard Giveaway includes four different backyard prize categories: Fun & Games, Entertaining, Relaxation, and Gardener's. Each category includes a choice of items. For example, during April and July, the Fun & Games category includes a choice of CedarWorks Playsets with retail values of more than \$5,000. Among the items in the Relaxation Backyard are a choice of three different hot tubs from Hot Spring Spas during the months of June and September. Plus, there are hand-made patio dining sets, picnic tables, arbors, and more from the CedarStore.com.

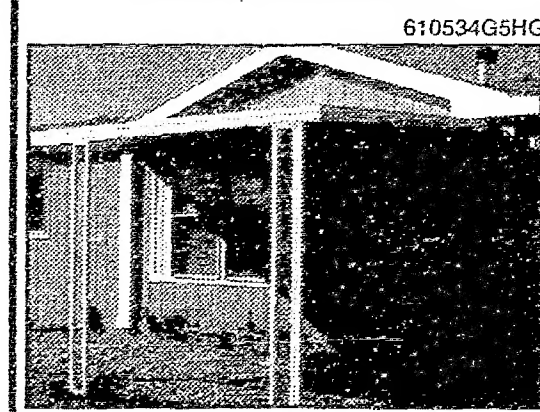
The Dream Backyard Giveaway features other great prizes from AllStarToys.com, BasketballHoopsUnlimited.com, Rubbermaid, Fiskars, Inter-matic, CarrollGardens.com, Jump Sport.com, NationalPoolWholesalers.com, and thegrill-outlet.com. Each of the prize categories also includes the winner's choice of a Briggs & Stratton-powered lawn mower, pressure washer, or portable generator.

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New trend in housing: What's old is new again

(ARA) - In this day and age, it seems like people want all the modern conveniences they can possibly pack into their homes.

In the kitchen, we have appliances that make preparing meals easier: microwaves, stoves with automatic shutoff, and refrigerators with icemakers.

In the living and/or family room, we have gadgets that encourage relaxation: gas fireplaces that are on a switch, along with lights and stereos controlled by remote control; and of course who could forget the automatic garage door opener.

Glenda Lehman Ervin and her husband Scott will have all of these things in the new home they're building in Northeast Ohio, but you wouldn't know it when you walk in the door. They're designing their new home in such a way that it will have an old world feel with all the modern conveniences. "We're a modern family with old world values, and we're working hard to create a home that's all about us," says Glenda.

She and Scott are part of a growing trend of college-educated, modern, two-career couples who are looking into the past to create a perfect present. From the moment you pull up in the driveway of their new home,

the Old World charm will shine through thanks to the Ervins' builder, Old World Classics.

"We believe a home should be more about the people that live in it than a structure alone. That's how we differ from most home builders," says Andrew Eggeman, grandson of the founder of Old World Classics. "We provide each of our clients with a design consultant so that all the design elements can be thought of in the beginning. Design and architecture cannot be an afterthought."

In the kitchen, the Ervins' home will have cabinets and furniture hand-made by Schrock's of Walnut Creek, a family owned business in Amish country. Their appliances will be modern, but look old. The Heartland Legacy range offers the precise response of a gas cooktop with the convenience and flexibility of a large electric convection oven; but it looks like it belongs in a French country cottage. The Heartland refrigerator with energy saving features even hides the ice maker to retain the old world style.

The gadget drawer will be filled with things she has brought home from her father's store, Lehman's, over the years. The store, founded in 1955 by Jay Lehman, had the original purpose of serving the needs of



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the Amish people who live without electricity. Today the business serves customers all over the world, from second-home owners to doctors in developing countries to the chronically nostalgic — to modern families like the Ervins who want to preserve the past for future generations. "Some day the simple way of life, whether it's making apple sauce or baking bread, might

become extinct. We want our children to remember the old-time skills and tools that our grandparents used every day," says Ervin.

The kitchen isn't the only place where the cozy, warm feeling will come through. Ervin, her husband and their two young children will be able to gather around a wood stove they picked up at Lehman's in

the family room. "Some of my happiest memories from childhood are of times spent playing board games and reading books with my parents as we sat around the wood stove. I want the same for my kids, who are now five and nine years old," she says.

Once they move into their new home this spring, the family will also be able to enjoy walks together in the nearby woods, and gardening. "Best of all, we'll be in an environment that encourages us to spend more time together," says Ervin. "It's a process of turning inward, to your family and your home, instead of outward, to more plans, activities, lessons, events, quite frankly, the rat race."

You don't have to build a new home from scratch to bring old-world charm into your life. Log on to www.lehmans.com and check out their on-line catalog for ideas.

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Do your research before remodeling the kitchen

(ARA) — So you've made the decision to finally join the millions of Americans remodeling their kitchens this year. Now what? The decision to remodel your kitchen is an important step in home ownership. After all, it is the busiest room in the house and one that often needs the most improvement.

Before selecting the products that will turn your old, outdated kitchen into your family's dream kitchen, make sure to do your research. Spending quality time looking through magazines, watching home improvement shows, and visiting kitchen showrooms and retail home improvement stores is a great way to begin your search for the perfect kitchen elements.

Many homeowners desire a custom look for their kitchen, but can't afford custom features. In addition to high quality "custom" cabinetry, the industry also offers "semi-custom" cabinetry, which offers most of the features of "custom" cabinetry, but at a lower price point.

Even today's "stock" cabinetry offers more choices for consumers at affordable prices. It is estimated that the average kitchen-remodeling job costs between \$15,000 and \$20,000.

About half of your budget is going to go toward your cabinets. Based on that information, there's a lot to consider during the selection process.

More Than Meets the Eye

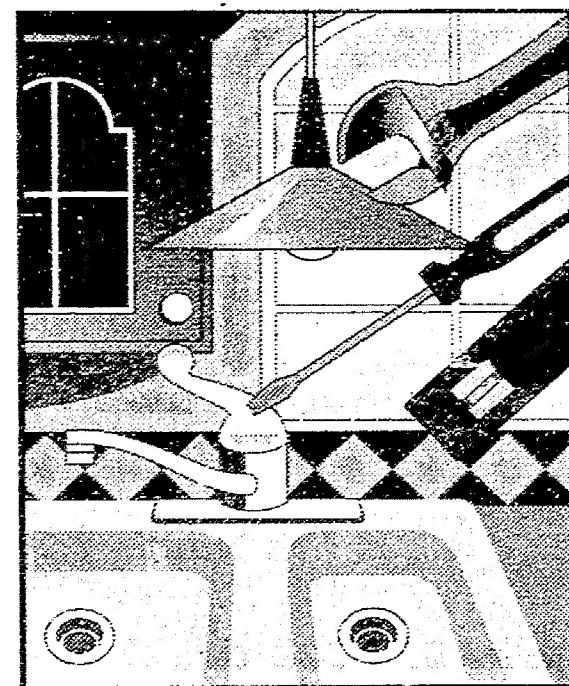
Decorative features that reflect the homeowner's personal style are often a primary concern driving these decisions. Equally as important as style are the performance and quality of your products.

"Most homeowners will only replace their kitchen cabinets once in their lifetime," says Dick Titus, executive vice president Kitchen Cabinet Manufacturers Association (KCMSA).

"We encourage consumers to become educated buyers of kitchen cabinets. Our newly revised Web site with colorful photography offers useful information about selecting kitchen cabinets so consumers can feel confident they have made a smart decision."

To make sure you are getting long-lasting investment, look for cabinets that comply with industry standards for performance and quality. For over 40 years, KCMA has sponsored the testing and certification program for cabinets.

Homeowners should look for



a unique blue and white seal located on the inside of the sink base cabinet. This seal assures that the cabinet has been independently tested and deemed durable under the toughest kitchen conditions.

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jects cabinets to such rigorous performance and quality requirements.

In addition, the standards regularly are reviewed and updated consistent with stringent procedures of the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) that are strictly enforced. The KCMA certification truly is unique and a real benefit to consumers.

In order to meet the requirements for the KCMA certification program, cabinets undergo five structural tests to measure their structural integrity, two drawer tests, two door operation tests to measure durability, and four finish tests.

To learn more about the tests cabinets must pass to earn the right to bear the distinctive KCMA blue & white certification seal, visit the KCMA web site at www.kcma.org.

In addition to the KCMA certification seal, customers should also look for products that offer a reliable warranty. Typically, five years is considered a good warranty.

Convenience is Key

Now that you are more educated about purchasing cabinets, you are almost ready to begin remodeling. But first, remember to consider the convenience of your purchase.

Find out if you will be able to order cabinets through retail chains like Home Depot and Lowe's, or if you will need to go

directly to a kitchen dealer.

Also, the timing of your project may impact your decision. Find out how long the products will take for delivery and installation, and whether the installation is provided with your purchase.


Working with a certified kitchen and bath designer from a dependable kitchen dealer or retailer will help ensure you not only get the quality kitchen design you want, but that they will be installed properly and that all your questions are answered, too.

Check with your cabinet manufacturer to see if they offer homeowner care kits to replace or touch up their cabinetry. This helps ensure that your cabinets will maintain their new look for years to come. Some manufacturers offer extra advice and tools to help keep your cabinets in their best condition.


For most families, the kitchen is the hub of the home — the place where they prepare meals, entertain guests and do homework or prepare finances. Make this room the comfort zone of the home for your family. Purchase wisely!


For more information, visit www.kcma.org for a listing of cabinet manufacturers. From the site you can link to members' sites to review detailed information useful to you in your pre-purchase research.

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Clean up by cleaning out unwanted items

(NAPSI)—Cleaning the house may not be fun, but it could be profitable. A recent survey by AC Nielsen shows the average American has more than \$2,000 worth of unwanted items taking up household space and selling these items could generate some extra cash.

What do you do with all that stuff that's cluttering up your home but is too valuable to just toss away? There are more profitable options than just throwing a garage sale.

Once you clean the closets and figure out what you don't need, you can sell the valuable items online—without doing the work yourself. Some companies now offer a new way to tap the huge global online auction community without lifting a finger—or even a mouse.

"Once you decide to part with something, it's important to get it out of your home as quickly as possible, before you change your mind," says Donna Smallin, author of "The One-Minute Organizer Plain & Simple." "Instead of saving it for a garage sale, have a service like AuctionDrop sell valuables for you on eBay."

Most people don't know how or simply don't have the time to handle the logistics of selling items online. That's where the professionals come in. You can call them to find out what your things are really worth. Once you decide what you want to sell, they'll do the work for you.

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Best-selling items include computer equipment, cell phones and electronic gadgets; musical instruments; cameras; designer purses, jewelry and accessories; china; and figurines and crystal.

Interested consumers can call 1-866-385-DROP to determine if they are appropriate for auctioning.

For more information, visit www.auctiondrop.com.

Five tips for easy furniture fixes

by Bruce Johnson

(NAPSI)—If your home is everyone's favorite gathering place, you may appreciate some handy hints to keep your furniture in tip-top shape:

1. Remove white rings. Thanks to all those guests who didn't put a coaster down under their wine glass, you now have white rings on your coffee table. These white rings are moisture trapped in the finish.

To remove them, use ordinary lemon oil and lightly rub on top of the white ring with fine #0000 steel wool.

2. Conceal scratches. For those pesky little scratches on the finish of your dining table, you don't necessarily have to refinish the whole surface.

Take a Minwax Stain Marker, match the right color marker to the wood and fill in the scratch. You may want to blend more than one color to get the best effect. Then take a clean rag and wipe off excess stain.

3. Lift candle wax. Candles are great for special occasions but can drip onto furniture. Don't try to wipe off the wax. This will only drive it further into the finish.

Wait until the wax dries and then place an ice cube on top of the wax. This will make the wax



brittle so you can scrape it off gently with a plastic scraper or credit card.

4. Fill in holes. Furniture may get holes from nails or small gouges from wear and tear.

For minor nail holes, use a touch of Minwax Wood Putty, that comes in different wood colors to match your furniture. Apply putty into hole and wipe off the excess.

5. Perk up the finish and add an overall luster to your furniture

with a thin coat of Minwax Wipe-On Poly finish. Using a clean rag and a clean surface, apply the finish, working it into the wood and wiping off the excess. This can bring back shine and protect the wood.

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• Bruce Johnson is a noted author, craftsman and expert on wood finishing and antiques restoration.



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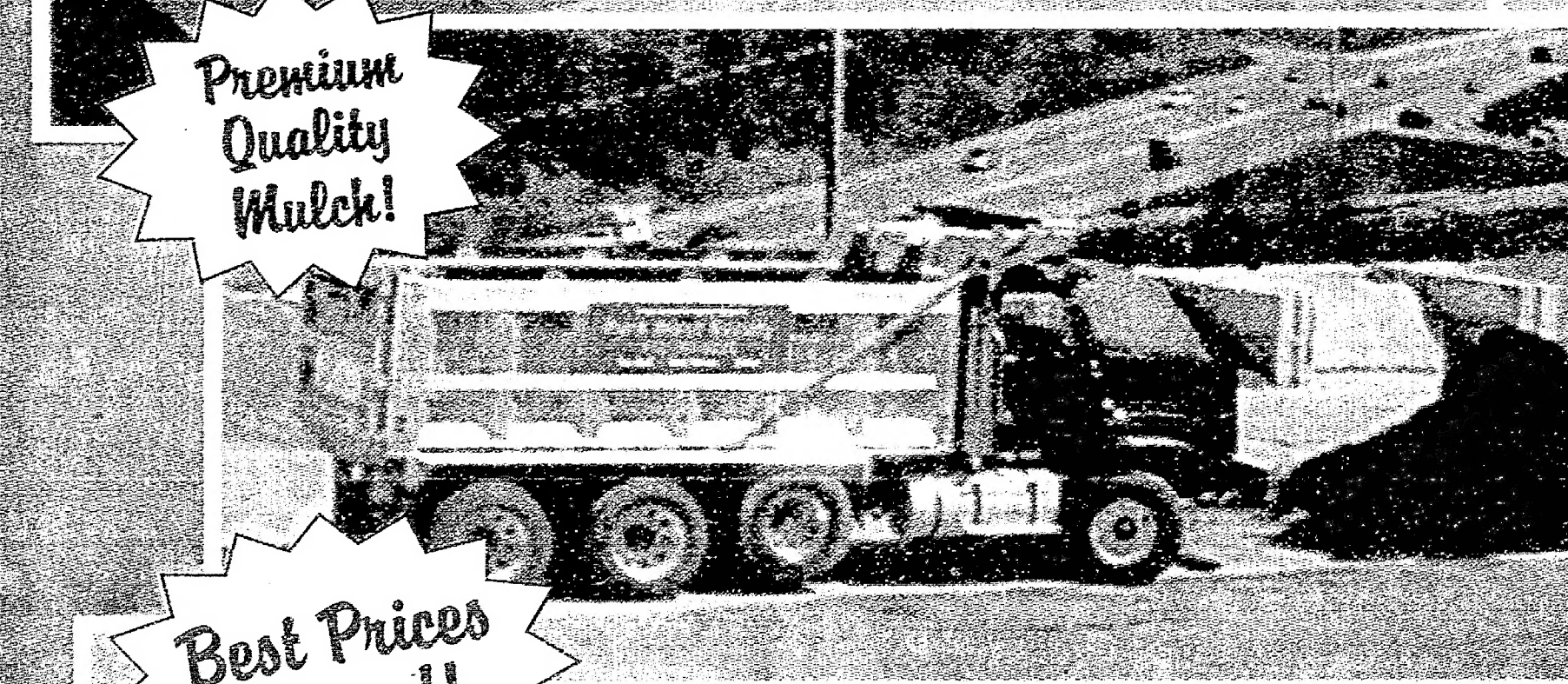
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